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Mr Smith announces ceasefire and release of detainees

Rhodesian deadlock ended dramatically last night with tement by Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, that he was ng all black political detainees immediately on an ance from the nationalists that the guerrilla war will be 1 off. A constitutional conference will be held " without

any precondition", he said. Accepting that many whites would feel concerned about the future. Mr Smith said there | Westminster was no parallel with the situation in Mozamhique. It was the firm intention of his Government not to deviate from the Commons last night by 369 total and the Commons

Constitutional conference 'without preconditions'

Reynolds's

offered to

The superb portrait of

Laurence Sterne by Sir Joshua

Reynolds is being offered to the Nanonal Portrait Gallery. It shows the great master of.

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sardonic head propped on hand

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artist of the day.

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By Philip. Howard

Frederick Cleary ary, Dec 10

Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, oced tonight that the war on sia's northern border would immediately. A constitutional ence is to be beld and all ack Rhodesian nationalists and followers are to be released liately.

dramatic radio and television ast he emphasized that this did not mean that a settlement en achieved or that economic nns against Rhudesia were to be lifted. He believed his s would create the right phere for the holding of the utional conference.

said the Rhodesian Governtook the bold initiative of ng detained black leaders to Lusaka for discussions with ent Kaunda and his col-

tacts also took place between ary and Lusaka but last week-I became clear that serious ilties had arisen. The iges continued this week and dies bad been resolved.

Mr Smith continued: "In It was a fallacy, he said, to think particular, firstly I have received that the situation in Rhodesia today assurances to the effect that was comparable with that which terrorist activities in Rhodesia will cease immediately and, secondly, that the proposed constitutional conference will take place without any pre-condition.

"Accordingly I have agreed to release the African leaders from detention and restriction and their followers as well. They will be permitted to engage in normal activity in terms of the laws applicable to Rhodesians. I am taking this action on the first understanding that everyone concerned will conduct themselves peacefully and within the law. This will, I believe, create

the right atmosphere for the holding of a constitutional conference." Mr Smith said that no doubt some people would feel concerned at the implications of these developments and in the light of events in the past decade this was understandable. However, it was his Government's firm intention to maintain law and order and not to deviate from Rhodesia's standards of civilization.

existed in Mozambique before the coup in Portugal last Arril.

The Rhodesian leader gave a warning that although he bail accepted in good faith the undertaking that acts terrorism would cease immediately it might take some time for this to be fully effective.

Referring to sanctions, he said it was of the greatest importance that commercial secrets should continue to be safeguarded.

Later Sir Roy Welensky, furner Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, commenled Mr Smith's statement as 'realistic''. Mr Patrick Bashford, leader of the Centre Party, described it as the best Christmas present Rhodesians of all ruces could have.

But Mr Len Idensuhn, leader of the right-wing Rhodesia National Party, said the decision was a "complete betrayal of the white man". Mr Smith now had just one question to answer: "When do the terrorists

Mr Smith's statement was broadcast live on Zambian radio and television -the first time such a thing has happened.

An announcement from President Kaunda's office said the Rhodesian African leaders, in Lusaka for the recent talks, would be returning home tomorrow.

Our Cape Town Correspondent writes: Mr Vorsier, the Prime Minister, promised to withdraw South African paramilitary police from Rhodesia as suon as it had been confirmed that terrorism had ended. The white and black people of Rhodesia, he said, must now be left to solve their problems without interference.

A. M. Rendel writes: A Foreign and Commonwealth Office spokesman said Britaio would welcome any more which would contribute in a Rhodesian settlement.

Legally and eonstitutionally, Britain remains responsible for Rhodesia's future. But the official view is that there is no need to be involved in exchanges at this stage.

Return of the death penalty rejected by 152 on free vote

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

Early in the debate there were signs that many MPs were still navering and that sume were baying second thoughts after the early emotional reac-

ings. Not since 1969, when the substantive decision was taken to abolish the death penalty, has the House debated the issue under such pressure from outside opinium. In spite of that, Mr Brian Walden, Labour MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, opened the debate with a courageous rebuttal of the case fur restoration of capital punish-

Moring a mution declaring that the death penalty would neither deter terrorists nor increase the safety of the public, Mr Walden said inc House should speak out clearly and ser at rest all speculation about its intentiuns.

The greatest deterreot against pulitical terrorism was the same as that against any crime; the probability of apprehension. The recent nidespread arrests would do more in reassure the public than any scuffold they might build, Mr Waldeo said.

It mattered nut une jut whether one hanged the terrorisi murderer, executed him by firing squad, put him in an electric chair ur gave him a letbal injection; une could not paint or varnish uver a judicial execution to make it appear other thao what it was, a cold-blooded act of the state to take a life. Public opinion, Mr Walden couceded, most be a matter of grave concero fur MPs but no

window smashed, and another bad its radiator punctured. A parked van was hit as well.

But the cabbies kept up their

chase until the men disappeared among the crowds.
One of the three drivers, who refused to give his name, said he saw the bomb burled through a

"I was going along Piccadilly

when it bappened, and had to stop because of the traffic." He

said, "I saw noe of them throw

something into the club. They looked like a couple of kids

messing about, and walked on a few yards and stopped. Sud-denly we heard the explosion and we guesed what had happened."

Three cabs, one in frunt of him and one behind, chased the men into Half Mooo Street,

where the sbots were fired, then

window of the club.

his constituents his judgment imply because he feared that the expression of his convictions might prove unpopular outside

Those who youed against the death penalty would be putting seose and reason above passion. They would be acting in the interests of a victory not pur-chased at an unacceptable price, a victory not simply for our policies but for nor values with-nut which pulicies were mean-

ingless.
With a free vote un both sides of the House and every MP speaking for himself, Sir Keith speaking for hiniself, Sir Keith Joseph, shadow Home Secretary, was the first to speak from either front bench. Declaving hioself as having previously been against capital punishment for murder, he said terrorism was a different matter. War had heen declared un us, and the alternative to winning was to lose and to expose our people in greater librrors.

Mr Len Abse, Labour MP for Pontypoul, said that far from the death penalty being a deterrent, it was in many cases a positive attraction. The 1RA named a world audience as they staged their psychopathic thearre.

From the Liberal benches, Alr Huoson said restoration of the death penalty for terrorism would be doing more harm than and to the state.'

An amendment orging the

death penalty for acis of ter-rorism causing death was moved by Mrs [ill Knight, Cunservative MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston. She said that terrorists had declared war on the country and were carrying out indiscriminate murder on innocent, harmless and unarmed people. Appeasement represected surrender to those people.

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The explosion caused exten-

the club; where seven people

were sitting. They managed to

get our before the explosion, but

the barman was taken to St

George's Hospital, Hyde Park Coroer, with shock and later

Scotland Yard said it was believed that only the defonator,

not the charge, exploded.

One taxi driver later went to
Vine Street police station with

two teenage girls who are be-

lieved to have given eve-witness

Commander Robert Huntley, of the Bomb Squad, said later

that the device weighed up in

2lb. It was the first time a member of the public had " had

a go" in such circumstances, and showed "marvellous public

wish to have a go, it's op to them, but I don't advacate that ", he added. "Leave it to the professionals."

If members of the public do

Shots fired after West

Three taxi drivers chased two men through the West End of London last night, after a short. One had a hand gun of some was tossed ioto the Naval and Military Club in Piccadilly.

Their cabs were struck by bullets from a pistol as the hombers; fled. One cab bad a swindow smashed, and, another.

Way up the street when the men short street when the men.

Shorts. One had a hand gun of some sort. We heard two big bangs and saw a flash."

Police sealed off Green Park and searched the area with dogs, but failed to find the men.

released.

accounts.

End club bombing

Author hits at Zeffirelli production

From Peier Nichuls Rome, Dec 11

A rueful Eduardo de Füippo ascribes the failure in New York of his play Saturday, Sundag, Monday to Franco Zeffi relli's failure to understand, in his production, rither what the play required from the director or what American autkences look for.

This raises the point of why Signor de Filippu was so happy with the Lundon production of the play which was also direc-ted by Signur Zeffirelli and has enjoyed a solid year of success.

In an interview today he made no secret of the fact that the was in favour of transferring the Lundon production, done originally for the National, to New York. But the National Theatre, he said, insisted on selling the rights to Americans and be could do nothing more than express his disagreement.

than express his disagreement.

"Now the National will suffer a big financial loss locause after a Broadway failure, a film of the same play is almost out of the question, and so the National will lose the 40 per cent share which they would have had from the they would have had from the film rights, a substantial sum."

It was at first a comfurt to him to know, he said, that Sig-nor Zeffirelli would ouce again he directing the play and he himself settled duwn to pro-ducing Don Pusquale in Chicago while rehearsals began of his play in New York. He saw the dress rebearsal.

dress rebearsal.

"I did not recognize this saraband of shouting, circus gags and lusteria as office", he said. "Afterwards I spoke energetically to Zeffirelli. I remember saying to him, with regard to the sung by di Giacomo, which he had put at the beginning of the first act: 'You should have gut n piece from Curmen, as this is less a from Curmen, as this is less a play than a builfight."

The New York cruirs echoed what he told Zeffirelli that day: A family of madmen of an interest to anyone, shouring at each other for no reason at all, eating throughout the three acts



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with forefinger raised to catch It was painted in 1750, at the height of Sterne's sudden fame after the publication of the first instalment of Tristram Shandy. Wilson sees 'a big step The book was the talk of London, and Sterne was three ward' in Paris summit weeks deep in dinner engagements. Garrick and Hogarth s return to Lundon, Mr In a BEC radio ioterview, Mr said the Paris summit Wilson said that he did not befriended him, and arranged for the portrait of the man of

Sterne, exhausted by being liooized, dropped his head into economic and monetary union as an ultimate aim. "We are his hand for the sittings, and shifted his wig slightly awry, as is had been completed, on very many years off that." he did wheo writing. Communiqué and reactions,

The artist tuok no fee for his work, which was sold for S00 guineas in 1840 to Lord Lansdowne, and was until recently Cburches unite: In a joint part of the great Lansdowne statement yesterday, the four main Northern Ireland courches collection. It is now being offered to the nation fur launched a new peace drive and deuounced sectariao killings 2

continuous tax increase Authors' payment: Legislation to tinunce federal speed- oo a public leoding right is promised for the new year, but one group of writers is not



The tired Sterne with head resting on hand,

in Sterne's rambling old rec-tory at Coxwold, Yorkshire, said yesterday: "It is a mar-vellous bargain. Not only is it Reynold's finest work, but it is Mr Keoneth Monkman, bonorary secretary of the English novelists before photo-graphy was invented."

The National Portrait Gallery cannot raise the money on its own, coosidering it irrespon sible and detrimeotal to the public interest to mortgage in advance future years' purchase grants. It is therefore about to launch an appeal for most of the money.

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Future of social contract depends on miners

Colour prejudice: Cases are oot taken to the Race Relations By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Board because many people believe it is too weak, report The future of the social contract baogs in the balance today. Teachers' pay: Average back-dated increases of about 30 per cent for Britain's 500,000 teachers are likely to be recom-It tests on slender bopes that miners' leaders will not endorse their uegotiators' militant pay mended by the Houghton com-

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film: Clive Barnes oo Peter Ustinor's new play; Leonard Buckley nn Arthur Miller's After the Fall (BBC2).

Sport, pages 12 and 13 Football: Derby County eliminated from Uefa Cup: Cricket: John Woodcock previews second Test match to Perth; Rugby Union: Play-offs necessary in county championship snuth-east group; Obituary, page 16 Obituacy, page 16 Dame Nancy Parkinson, Mr T. R.

Business News, pages 17-24
Stock market: Equities and gilts
suffered further losses yesterday
as the City grew Indianal disclosure as the City grew increasingly her-vous ahead of today's disclosure of United Kingdom trade figures for November. The FT index fell 6.7 to 150.4, its lowest level since

Road, Ramsgate, Kent, caved in after being struck by lightning.

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The executive of the National

Union of Mineworkers will dis-cuss the recommendation of the negotiating learn that the coal board should be asked for an increase of £30 a week across the board for 270,000 miners, payable in two stages.

Miners were warned yesterday

not to count up the backing of the Labour movement if they pushed their claim outside the terms of the social contract.

Left-wiog coaffield leaders will be undeterred by the appeal from Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, to sacrifice their sectional interests to save the contract. Despite the disapproval of senior members of the TUC economic comminee, if the miners take industrial

Three buried in

by electric storm

Three old age pensioners were buried in rubble as an

electrical storm wrecked their

home yesterday. Mr Harry Wilcock, aged 73,, suffered sbock and minor injuries and

was taken to bospital when the

roof of the bouse in Cecelia

His wife, May, and Mrs Eliza-

beth Alexander, a widow, both in their seventies, escaped

The storm blacked out Mar-

gate, Ramsgate and Broadstuirs. It left a trail of damage io southern counties.

The high wind picked up a 150-ton Boeing 707 at Heathrow

airport, London, and threw it against a 747 jumbo jet parked oear by. An official said both suffered severe damage.

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pay demand they will get the backing of their traditional allies, the train drivers.

That became clear last night when Mr Ray Buckton, general when Mr Ray Buckton, general wild allies, the train drivers.

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That became clear last night when Mr Ray Buckton, general strick to the voluntary wage strick to the voluntary wage circumstances." secretary of the Associated Society of Locomutive Eogineers

and Firemen (Aslef), which abstained no the critical vote about wage restraint at the Trades Union Congress three months ago, prumised that footplatenien would not cross official NUM picker lines in the event

of a pit-pay dispine.

A ileeply pulitical clash is inevitable at this morning's meeting of the mineworkers' executive because the 27 members are being invited to endorse the left-wing's pay aspirations. The negotiating committee adopted it only by the casting vote of the substitute chairman, Mr Michael McGahey, communist vice-president of the union and leader uf the Scottish area, which is pushing the demand for £30 a week all round.

stick to the voluntary wage restraint guidelines the union restraint guidelines the until supported only a short while ago, if they did not, they could not count on TCC support. "We expect collective bargainers to act responsibly", he said. "That means having regard to the guidelioes in the

social contract.

"It is still for the national executive of the ntiners' union to consider this, and we hope they will have very much in mind the request put clearly to their negotialors that they should take full account of the possible consequences of their claim and eventual settlement on working people, tradé unionists and the economy as a whole.

"Just as the movement rallied to the support of the miners in 1972 and 1974, it is reasonable to look to the if the miners take industrial The question of the miners' reasonable to look in the action in support of a militaot claim took up much of the disminers, as historically we have

The heart of mining trade uninnism bad always been loyalty, and the miners were in the lead at the enogress in re-cognizing the need for responsi-

Unfurtunately the miners' delegation to the TUC was split over the social contract. Left-wingers who are making the running have consistently refused in have any truck with wage restraint. In that view they are joined by Aslef, and that traditional bood has been a more potent factor in the miners' previous successes than the TUC's diplomatic backing. Even if the militant coal-fields resort to mofficial action. is likely that the train drivers will refuse to cross their picket

lines. The TUC's warnings have to be seen in that light. Output talks, page 4

One-day general strike in support of jailed Basques cripples north Spain

Frien Flarry Debelius Madrid, Dec 11

Underground trade union and uther left-wing organizations in the Basque region of northers Spain showed their strength today with a general strike in support of a deniand for amnesty for political prisoners which brought out about 200,000 persons in three provinces.

. It was probably the biggest demonstration of Basque solidarity on a political issue in the history of the Franco regime. Not even during the Eurgos trial of Basque activists in 1970 did the people of the Easque country back so solidly a political demonstration.

For the first time the outlawed separatist organization ETA and the illegal Spanish Socialist Party joined forces in the action against the Franco regime, but according to reliable

support to the protest.

A number of communist-influenced underground trade unions played an important role in the strike.

The "Day of Struggle", or of of Day of Busque unity" as it was called in various clandestine Police leaflets, also resulted in the closing of most schools in Bilbao, San Schastian and other Basque towns, as well as of countless small businesses

Denionstrations accompanied the strike in Bilbao, San Sebas-tion, Hernani Estella and other places. At least one orao was shot in Hernani, near San Sebastian, in a violent clash between workers and riot police. No information was immediately available about the number of injured or arrested.

While leaflers listed several

during today's strike. Some small husinessmen therefore opted for a middle course, staying open for business but with lights aff and shutters half motives for this one-day Basque drawn to show their solidarity

Party gave only half-hearted rising cost of living, all the leaf-support to the protest. lets backed the call for amnesty for political prisoners. Some 158 Basque political prisoners in 10 Spanish jails are oow on hunger strike, which hegan late last oronth in a demand for an

Police reinforcements began moving into the Basque country days ago and were still arriving 10day. Police guards were posted on public transport vebicles yesterday. Round-ups of known political activists began a week or mure agu when police apparently got wind of the general strike plans.

Shopkeepers were threatened with fines if they closed down

Still the greatest French impressionist ... ever



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Disruption of Fleet Street papers ordered after last-minute peace talks fail

By Alan Hamilton

Labour Staff Disruption of national newspaper publication by key printing workers is to go ahead after the failure of last minute peace talks between the National Graphical Association and the newspaper publishers yesterday. The NGA, which represents 5,000 skilled printers in the London and Manchester offices of national papers, and in the two London evenings, has stopped short of calling an allout strike. Instead it has ordered

affected on different nights. The union is taking the action in pursuit of an improved pay offer from the Newspaper Publishers' offer of a 5 per cent increase from October, plus another 2 per cent from next April, has been accepted by the other five unions represented in newspaper printing houses. But the NGA argues that to accept the same offer would disturb traditional differentials

a campaign of disruptive action.

Different newspapers would be

Mr Joseph Wade, a deputy general secretary of the NGA, said after meeting the publishers yesterday: "We are all set now to press the button for action

gave a warning of the danger to employment of other Fleet Street workers should the NGA action go ahead.

On previous occasions Lord Goodman has stated that if publication of national papers was interrupted by NGA action some papers might never

In a reply to Lord Goodman yesterday Mr Murray made clear that he could not intervene in the dispute, although he expressed the hope that the NGA would feel able to settle on the same terms as the other unions. Mr. Murray's letter

I am writing to confirm what t told you when you met me here with other representatives of the with other representatives of the NPA, at your request, to inform me about the origin and possible me about the origin and possible consequences of your dispute with the National Graphical Association. I share your concern at the possibility that a stoppage of work would not only interrupt the publication of newspapers, but possibly leopardize funite employment in the industry. I have carefully examined whether the TUC could be of assistance, but have reached the conclusion that there is not in practice any way in which the TUC could intervene to help resolve the dispute with the NGA, which is out in membership of the TUC.

The settlement which was very

immediately. Instructions have already heen sent our to our members; we are hetter organized this time than hefore."

Last week the NGA agreed to delay its action for a week to allow the publishers to make approaches to the TUC. Lord Goodman the publishers' chairman, had a meeting with Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, on Tuesday, at which he

As I told you at the meeting, I hope that a way can he found in the near funre of restoring the NGA to affiliation to the TUC, when the Association will be able to play its full part in the TUC Printing Industry Committee, which will shortly be established.

After meeting Mr Wade and Mr John Bonfield, the NGA general secretary, vesterday, the NPA issued a statement saying that it was still unable to meet the NGA's demand for maintenance of differentials.

The statement said that the oifferential question affected only a minority of NGA members involved in the pay claim, but any adjustment, however small, would disturb the agree-ment with the other unions. It

added:
The NPA would wish the public to be aware that they regard it as wholly irresponsible for any industrial action to be taken against the national newspaper industry as a result of a dispute of this character. It is the NPA's belief that it has exhausted every channel of conciliation, having already approached the conciliation service set up by the Government.

The statement added that NGA members involved in the dispute now earn between 575 and 595 a week.

The first newspaper to he affected yesterday was the London Evening News. A workto-rule by some members of the NGA there caused production delays, and van drivers stopped work to hold a meeting hecause

they alleged that the delay was affecting overtime earnings.

Mr Howard French, editorial director of the Evening News, said the trouble started with an unofficial go-slow by composing

The signalmen say they were unfairly treated by an agreement accepted recently by the rail unions. They were due to strike unofficially for 24 hours from six o'clock this morning.

'Let paper print thalidomide

article' The Sunday Times should be allowed to publish an article on the Distillers' Company's alleged liability for thalidomide, even though to do so might be hreaking the law. Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, said yesterday in a letter

to the Attorney General. "An injunction was granted preventing The Sunday Times from publishing, but as the Phillimore committee recommendations repudiate the hasis of that judgment I hope you will take immediate action in this case",

the letter said. The Phillimore committee, which proposes clarification and liheralizing of the law of contempt, was of protound signifi-cance to the British press, Mr Ashley said. He urged Mr Silkin not to await legislation and not to oppose publication of the article.

Signalmen urged to call off unofficial strike

Mr Richard Marsh, chairman of the Railways Board, yesterday appealed to signalmen not to halt trains in Essex and Kent

He acknowledged that recent pay reorganization had upset the signalmen and could have altered individual pay differ-entials. But top signalmen were within the highest paid range and the average weekly earnings of the lowest grade, including weekend pay and overtime, had increased by 27 per cent, to £56,

Trains to Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street, and some in Kent would be affected. Mr Marsh said the men were causing unnecessary disruption and inconvenience. He added: "Both the management and the National Union of Railwaymen appeal to them to discominne their action and honour the constitutional procedures be-tween the board and the be-the

Hanging is bad politically and IRA threat morally, criminologist says

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Reintroduction of capital punishment would be a national disaster, Sir Leon Radzinowicz, one of the world's foremost

one of the world's foremost criminologists and a former member of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment, said yesterday, before the Commons vote on hanging.

He said: "It would be had psychologically, morally and politically; had for the international reputation of Britain; had for the cohesiveness and traditions of society; and had traditions of society; and bad for the effective solution of the

Sir Leon was speaking in an interview on the eve of a reception, to be held tonight, by Lord Butler of Saffron Walden in the House of Lords, to mark the publication of a volume of essays on criminology in honour of Sir Leon.

The contributors include professors from Britain, the Umited States, Italy, Poland, Denmark, Germany and Norway; judges from Britain, France and South Africa; and Sir Leon's former

Africa; and Sir Leon's former colleagues, students and visiting fellows at Camoridge. Sir Leon retired recently as Wolfson Professor Director of the Cam-Professor Director of the Cambridge Institute of Criminology.

Lord Butler, who writes in the essays about the founding of the institute, as Home Secretary provided the impetus that helped to make it possible. The title of the volume, Crime, Criminology and Public Policy, reflects ine impact both of the institute's studies and Sir Leon's Career.

Career. It is far from finished. Sir Leon is engaged on an extensive programme of teaching in American law schools, and is travelling the world as a con-

sultant.

Sir Leon sees the growth of terrorist violence as feeding other kinds of violent crime. He said: "If you have a society passing through intense political strife, with violence connected with it, you will have violence connected with crime in unconscious articulated harmony.

"If you have an emergency system that lasts longer than necessary, if it lasts a long time, it must also affect the whole system of criminal justice. The moral tone of society affects everything, both criminal justice and the forms of violence.

"Criminal law and punish But order had to be main Policy: Essays in honour of Sir do not say they are useless. But must he a strong police force, Roger Hood (Heinemann, 512.50).



Sir Leon Radzinowicz: "Excessive punishment, excessive effect."

to solve the moral and political problems of society. Capital punishment cannot solve the Irish issue.

"If the criminal law goes too far in respect of capital punish-ment, or any kind of excessive punishment, it will prodoce an excessive effect." Changes in criminal procedure might well accentuate political difficulties. "Io me democracles, we must look for a political solution to political problems."

you cannot expect criminal law and the police must act within the province of the law. It was crucial to have a law that was both strong and moderate, Sir Leon said. "Get rid of a lot of the prison sys-tem and keep it for the hard core and make it a civilized

"We must get accustomed to a very high level of violent crime that is part of the high level of general crime. Crime will continue to rise as far as

of 'two to one' reprisa hangings Hamburg Dec 11.—Mr D O'Connell, chief of staff of Provisional IRA is to be qu

Provisional IRA is to be quin a West German magritumorrow as saying, on the of the Commons vote on ca punishment, that his orgation would hang two British soldiers for every IRA methorged in Britain

hanged in Britain.

That woold continue,
O'Connell says in the mag.
Stern, "until the British

The magazine said it i viewed Mr O'Connell at a si rendezvous outside Dublin distributed the text of the i view today to news ager saying that it would apper the magazine tomorrow.

In the interview Mr O'Co

In the interview Mr O'Co denied IRA involvement is cent bombings in Britain cluding those in Birming which killed 21. He is quoted as saying: IRA leadership did not re

mend these attacks. In fac condemn them. At the mo condemn them. At the mower are conducting a det inquiry to seek out those poosible.

"In England there are anarchist groups like the A Brigade or Red Hand 74. Published the IRA for last I Tower of London blast.

Tower of London hlast. were wrong. That was ca out by a group which I want to name yet.

"If IRA members bad ried out such attacks

would be court-martialled could face the death pena Mr O'Connell said.
The TRA has clear grides for the transmission of the tr lines for waging its war. attack on non-military instants must be preceded by minute warning so that no cent civilians are endang Attacks like those in Biri ham are murder." Mr O'Connell is quote

saying that peace het Britain and the IRA is posgiven certain conditions.

They were "phased drawal of all British to from Northern Ireland general amnesty for pol prisoners in England. Protection of the public declaration by Brithat the Irish people wil allowed to decide their future."—Reuter. given certain conditions.

Irish youth dre bomb circuits out of boredo

An Irish youth accuse conspiring to cause explo told the Central Criminal (yesterday that he had ske bomb circuits in a mome boredom. He had learnt i so when in prison in the Re-lic of Ireland for posse

ammunition.
Michael MacLochlainn, 17, of Bogside. Londonc said in a statement from after leaving prison February, hut not 10 bombs or select targets.

He said: "I arrempte conceal my identity as I di want the police to know o presence in this country, cause of my having heen viously involved in the stre for the right of Irish peop self-determination."

He and John Coughlan, 27, of Tullamore, Offaly, plead not guilty to consp to cause explosions. Mr Co lan, who was jailed in Di for possessing explosives ammunition, said he cam Britain to get away from p harassment. He used a identity because his convict might make things difficult.
The trial continues today.

Life sentence

Thomas McClure, aged 2 Belfast sheet-metal worker,

Aims of Industry criticizes unions

The Fleet Street newspaper iodustry is technologically backward and overstaffed with the highest-paid workers in the country, Aims of Industry says in evidence to the Royal Commission on the Press.

The main reason, organization says, are a placatory management and militant unions willing and able to exploit their strength. It was striking that so many news-papers had managed to sur-

Aims of Industry calls for a reorganization of practices and production techniques in the iodustry to prevent more news-papers from closing. News-papers should cost more, advertising rates should rise, and there should be greater encouragement for more regional daily newspapers.

newspaper imployees bringing pressure against cartoons, comment and advernsementn, some of them Aims of Iodustry's, are referred to in the evidence.
The organization says: "We helieve that these instances

represent a frightening attack A stand must be made against attacks on press freedom, primarily the threat to freedom of expression through censorship of editorial and advertising content. Cases of for a check.

Teptesent a frightening attack on the press's freedom and should concern everyone."

Hospital check: Sir Morris Finer, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Press, has entered hospital for a few days advertising content.

Littlejohn brother

surrounded a house in Alum Rock and Mr Littlejohn surren-

dered quietly.

Detective Chief Superintendent Harry Robinson, head of the CID, said last night: "Little-john has now been detained following very extensive in-quiries extending over a period of time. We have many other inquiries to make and we have been in touch with Dublin police."

Asked when Mr Littlejohn would be appearing before the court Mr Rohinson said: "Certain formalities will have to he gone through."

It is understood that after the raid on the house two other men left with police officers and are assisting inquiries. The police are anxious to know how long Mr Littlejohn has been in the

city.

Extradition warrant: The Dublin anthorities said last night that several Irish policemen would go to Birmingham today with an extradition warrant for Mr Littlejohn (a Staff Reporter writes). The bank rohher and self-confessed British agent escaped on March 11 after serving eight months of a 20-year sentence for his part in the robhery of £67,000 from Allied Irish Banks in Duhlin in October, 1972.

ber, 1972. Mr Littlejohn's hrother, Keith, who is serving 15 years for his part in the robbery, is to appeal next year against the dis-missal by the Duhlin High Court of proceedings in which he sought to have his sentence quashed. Christopher Walker writes: The

recepture will reopen controversy about the exact nature of Mr Littlejohn's involvements with the British iotelligence

The Littlejohn affair has hean a continuing source of emhar-rassment to the British Government. There is incontrovertible evidence that he had connexions with British intelligence, hot it has never been satisfactorily established that he was paid to act as an agent provocateur in the Republic of Ireland.

Lucan nursemaid inquest

dren of Lord and Lady Lucan, Thurston, the Westin coroner. No witnesses

in an incident at Lady Lucan's home in Lower Belgrave Street, Westminster. Two warrants have been issued against Lord Lucan, alleging that he mur-dered Mrs Rivett and attempted to murder his wife.

Church leaders in Ulster plead for end to killings From Robert Fisk which may have he

Birmingham
From Arthur Osman
Birmingham
Kenneth Littlejohn, who escaped from Mountfoy prison, Duhlin, nine months ago, was arrested by West Midlands police in Birmingham yesterday. I understand that detectives surrounded a house included a hous

Apparently prompted by the sectarian murders, the political vacuum and potential war weariness in both communities. the churches are advertising in newspapers and holding special services to emphasize their unity of opposition to violence. A letter to all churches in

A letter to all churches in the province appealing for prayers for peace has been signed by Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Temple Lundie, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Rev Desmond Morris, President of the Methodist Church dent of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and the Church of Ireland Primate, Dr Simms. The churches say they do not see their function as negotia-tors and are not trying to re-

place policical representatives. A joint statement says the cam-paign is aimed at the entire population, and that it is the churches' duty to speak now, and in unison.

The psychological moment to take this initiative is now "when the appalling realities of the situation are more widely recognized than ever before.

That is an obvious reference to the Birmingham bombings,

against violence, such a sense of nnutterable shame on Ireland's name, and such a grim forehod-ing of a drift into something much worse still, that the

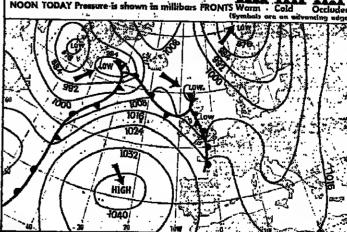
and

campaign is essential urgently compelling". Flights cut: The Army has been forced to cut the number of flights undertaken by almost half its helicopter fleet in Northern Ireland because of a shortage of spare parts. The 15 or so Scout helicopters, many of which are used for patrols along the horder, are heing maintained with equipment from aircraft in other parts of the United Kingdom. All nnits in the province have been told not

to fly Scouts unnecessarily. The instruction says that only operational · should he undertaken. It was sent from headquarters at Lishurn over a month ago, and is also believed to contain a warning that if the shortage worsens, restrictious may he imposed on flying time. The restriction might be put at a maximum of 60 hours a month for

Belfast sheet-metal worker, jailed for life yesterday for i dering two Catholic hrot during the Ulster Worl Council strike in May. pleaded guilty to the murde Sean Byrne, ased 54. owne the Wäyside Halt public he near Ballymena, and his hrot Brendan, aged 45.

Weather forecast and recordings



7.57 am 3.52 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : New Moon : Tomorow,

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.28 am Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.28 am. High water: London Bridge, 12.24 am. 6.8m (22.3ft); 12.46 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft); Avonmouth, 5.57 am, 12.5m (41.0ft); 6.20 pm, 12.6m (41.3ft); Dover, 9.52 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 10.21 pm, 6.3m (20.8ft); Hull, 4.45 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 5.10 pm, 7.0m (23.0ft); Liverpool, 10.2 am, 8.4m (27.5ft); 10.26 pm, 8.3m (27.1ft). 8.3m (27.1ft).

A depression will move SE towards Scotland and an associated trough of low pressure will move very slowly E over the British Isles. British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, E England, E
Anglia: Mainly dry at first,
becoming generally cloudy with
periods of sleet or snow, probably turning to rain later,
moderate falls of snow in places;
wind 5 or SW, moderate; max
temp 3 or 4°C (37 to 39°F).
Outlook for tomornow and
Saturday: Rain or drizzle at times
with possibly further snow in E
at first; brighter, showery weather

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

Saturday: becoming less cold. Sea passages: S North Sea, w W to S, fresh or strong: moderate or rough Strait of Dover, English Chnel (E): Wind SW, fresh

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to pm, 7°C, (45°F): min, 6 pm to am, 3°C, (37°F). Humidity 6 r 71 per cent. Rein, 24hr to to 6 r Bar, mean sea level. 6 pm 1111 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in

The Department of Energy has a new loan scheme for industry to encourage the more efficient use of all forms of energy.

Examples of the type of energy saving project which qualify are:

measures to reduce heat loss in industrial buildings

introduction of new automatic control devices

• installation of combined heat and power schemes

Department of Energy, Energy Saving Loan Scheme, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ.

Please send me details of the Energy Saving Loan Scheme for industry.

• replacement or renovation of machinery, plant and equipment

installation of heat exchangers and pre-heaters to make use

Projects must promise sufficient energy savings to cover capital and

The scheme is for industrial premises in Great Britain but does not apply to Northern Ireland.

If you would like full details about this new loan scheme for industry,

Short term loans up to £100,000 are available.

of waste heat

interest in four years.

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The inquest on Mrs Sandra Rivett, nursemaid to the chilwas adjourned until next March yesterday by Dr Gavin Thurston, the Westminster At the previous hearing Mrs

Rivert, who was 29, was said to have died from head injuries

Saltmarsh is

One of the best surviving examples of saltmarsh to the Thames estuary, which until recently was threatened by com-

mercial development, is to be

preserved as one of three new

The reserve at Leigh-on-Sea,

Essex, covers more than 600

acres of Two Tree Island, adjoining saltmarshes, and a large area of mudflats. The mudflats provide an important

feeding ground for breat geese

together with more important

sites at Foulness and Maplin

The secund new reserve is on

life and more on the area's

The importance of the natural

history of rhe Lizard has been recognized since Juhn Ray, the

botaoist, visited it in the late seventeenth century. The heath-laod is the home of many rare

plaots and vegetation is of an almust Mediterracean variety.

area of unenclosed land where

the soil has been left almost

undisturbed and burial mounds and hut circles are evidence uf

the 6,000 years of human occu-

Swanton Novers, near Faken-bam, Norfolk, It is an area of

147 acres of deciduous wood-

land, which will remain the pri-

vate property of Lord Hastings and oot he open to the public.

The council bas announced

extensions to two exisous nature reserves. Two small areas of 58 and 23 acres have been added to the Derbyshire Dales reserve, bringing the total acreage to almost 300.

The second extension is to Lindisfarne National Nature

Reserve, Northumberland, An

additional 382 acres of rough graziog, saltmarsh, sandy fore-shore and mudflats has been leased extending it to 8,000

The third new reserve is all

The Lizard contains a large

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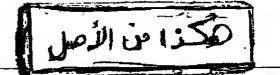
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reserves

By a Staff Reporter

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Men will go on getting the top jobs n Britain for at least another wenty years, statisticians say

ial Serrices Correspondent len will continue to com-id the top jobs in Britain at least the next twenty 's on present trends, a emment publication implies

spire of changes that had ified the position of men women in the hume and at their respective roles had changed fundamentally. ne point is made in an article he new edition of Social ids, which amounts to an nent case for the Governr's proposed anti-discriminglegislation. The article, oiled by the Central Statis-Office, points out that many lative advances bave been e towards real equality be-n men and women.

it it adds: "Many differ-s, however, still remain in ond administrative rights iradioonal aititudes h keep women in a subordirent patterns of life unly ectly related to hiological

atutudes began to be ed in the home, were rein-d in schools, and left most ill equipped to find jobs de a narrow range. Moss ren went 10 mixed schouls, for boys and girls for in school structures and organ- the more difficult it would be

Boys and girls took different school because of complex and subtle social pressures and expectations. Thus, although expectations. Thus, although girls generally achieved better examination results that boys, fewer stayed oo beyoud the ouinimum leaving age and markedly fewer girls went on to university.

The result, in spite of the advances in opening up educational advantages for girls in recent years, was that fur every young woman with a degree there were nearly four men. Without positive discrimination towards women, therefore, most top jobs would continue to go to men for the predictable

"In the 25-34 age group, who lowards the end of the century will be assuming many of the most responsible positions in our society, only a little over 2 per cent of the women as against 71 per cent of men bave university degrees or equiva-lent degrees."

Another factor determining how many women would be in top jobs in 20 years' time was how loug they interrupted their jobs to look after their children. Wumen in profes-sional jobs who stopped working for a short time to have children might not suffer as only partially reflected greatly. But the longer the gap,

to pick up the threads later and to adjust to a situation where many male colleagues of the same age had been promoted to senior jobs.

Many of the gaps between meo and women were narrowing, but the time that process took meant that men would remain dominant for many years yet. For example, the Equal Pay Act bad succeeded in hoosting womeo's wages at a faster rate than men's over the past three or four years. But women's rates started at such a low proportion of men's that their actual pay still lagged

Differences in education and training, combined with women's special role as childbearers, and at least under present social conditions as home-makers, tended to direct women to the less skilled, less responsible and heoce lowerpaid jobs.

Attempts to relate state pensions to earnings would simply perpetuate into retirement the financial disadvantages of women. Nearly ninety years after women were first given the legal right to own property, only 34 per cent of women, compared with 59 per cent of men owner wealth. The gap between the two amounted to £24.500m.

Social Trends No 5, 1974 (Station-ery Office, £3.30).

In brief

Mr John Pardoe, Liberal MP for Cornwall, North, and party

Paul Raven, aged 27, of The Chace, Guildhouse, Coventry, was fined £25 at Coventry yesterday, and bound over for 12 months for using threatening words and bebaviour when the body of James McDade, the IRA bomber, was removed from

pard deters cases they cannot be served while wearing turbans. Io other cases publicans do oot object to serv ing non-whites io the public bar, but will oot serve them in the

The committee says it is dis-

turbed by con-cooperation by

solicitors advising respondents in some cases. Some bave

io some cases. Some bave failed to study race relations

legislation, and we were dis-mayed to read correspondence from one solicitor who in-

structed his client to ignore os, althoogh we have a statutory duty to investigate."

The committee says it is con-

vioced that many cases are not

reported because people are re-luctant to use the board; they think its effectiveness is

limited by the scope of race re-

lations legislation, and that its sanctions are weak. The report says that in Cardiff and Bristol there are black people who cannot be

parable expectations, to regard

The first step towards that equality would be for the Gov-

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ny people are not taking of racial discrimination to lace Relations Board bethey helieve it is too weak cffectively. The board's and South-west conciliacommittee says in its the number of cases it es is not a true reflectiou amount of discrimination

report criticizes liceocees ub owners for discriminatgainst black people, and s some solicitors for the les they adopt when deal-th cases of discrimination. report calls for a declara-f rights "for every citizen mulitracial society d by strong penalties for who contravene it. committee heard 37 cases

year and found discrimig proved in nine. A third e complaints concerned recof service, or less favourservice, to black people in
c bouses in Bristol, and
they are entitled to bave comin Cardiff. le are most concerned equality of opportunity as a this because social exercisis and reality and not a

tes between different com-distant mirage".

Liberal policy committee

spokesman oo Treasury ques-tions, is to serve for aoother year as chairman of the Liberal standing committee on policy. Mr Desmond Banks, appointed a life peer last week, is vice-chairman and the following have been elected committee

£25 IRA echo

Coveotry mortuary.

York Minster

Floodlighting at York Minster will be switched off for three months from January in res-ponse to the Government's call to save energy.

£13,000 for burns

in creating a multiracial y. Ao increasing number ensees appear to be seek-cuses to exclude coloured ners.

sians have been told they not be served ucless they English among them, and Sikhs have been told

asgow to embark on £100m programme rehabilitation for tenement homes

John Young ing Reporter

rk on the largest bousing ilitation programme takeo io Britain is due egin in Glasgow oext
L The Housing Corporaund Glasgow City Council rtnership are planning to ate and modernize some tenement flats herveen and 1981.

project is the first fruit s year's Housing Act and ottish counterpart which into effect two weeks ago hich greatly increased the ration's powers and finan-

a visit to Glasgow last Lord Goodman, chairman : Housing Corporation, ler officials know that funds be available if wanted. then the council's hous-rogramme had been pre-ied with slum-clearance construction of tower s of flats which riog the

spine of the city's declin-spine of the city's declin-orulation, it has been cal-id that without radical ires Glasgow would still

officials are encountering in-creasing resistance to the idea of moving out to oew estates.

Housing associations have made relatively little headway in Scotland, and the cities pre-sent particular difficulties io the preponderance of teoc-ment blacks in multiple ownermenr onces in manuple owner-ship. Owner-occupiers fre-quently become so by necessity rather than choice. Despairing of council waiting lists, and mable to qualify for mortgages they buy their two-room flats on what amounts to bire pur-

chase terms. chase terms.

But the system has advantages. The purchase price for a typical unimproved flat averages about £500 and the cost of renovating and providing a kitcheu and bathroom may out amount to more than £3,000. Owner-occupiers are usually only too ready to sell, and the agents two manage the rented flats find it less invidious to flats find it less invidious to become local managers for housing associations.

The characterisoc stone

be badly bonsed in 1990. More-over the pressure of public late nioeteenth century to opinion has put a stop to further high-rise building and the Highlands and from Ireland, are still structurally sound. Unlike the back-to-backs of English industrial cities they lend themselves readily to re-babilitation.

habilitation.

The Housing Corporation's Glasgow office is run by Mr Raymond Young who undertook a successful pilot project as a postgraduate research stodent at Strathclyde University. He emphasizes the need to form community-based associations and to eschew compulsory purchase orders in favour of rehabilitation by agreement. habilitation by agreement.

The council is to begin list

ing suitable areas in Tollcross, Govanuill, and Linthouse cext mooth. The average rent for a rehabilitated flat is expected to rise from about £40 a year to between £100 and £150.

Owoer-occupiers will be asked to pay up to £250 for improve-ments, for which they will get both grants and council loads. Both teoants and owner-occupiers will be heavily subsidized by the Hoosing Corporation, which expects to speed £1,000m over the next eight years.

EC likely to break up itain, MP says

ur Political Staff of the price of enuy into value than direct representation at Westminster. up of the United Kingas we know it", Mr Jim s, Lahour MP for Ayrshire, told Loodon Fabians last

and cousequeuces of of right at the top policy table ning in the EEC.", he said, of the EEC." Government and others e of independence well in ice of even the most radi-

orm of devolutioo." stminster would become union with the EEC". and less relevant to Scot-Then Scots would have to ine the validity of the that direct representation against the European scale.

at Brussels would be of greater

Mr Sillars added: "It is inconceivable that we shall rest content with continued membership at a weaker Westminster while other small natioos, such when he spoke on the as Belgium, Denmark, Southern shape of Scottish governli eland, and the tiny state of Luxembourg, take their place as

Those oatioos had their completely overlooked the national interest built into the Brussels policy-making machintance of the decision in on to the unity of the dingdom. They seem the possibility that, a the context of the Comtioo than those other small
market, Scotland might nations. The Prime Minister
t necessary in determine a should understand that the arguments for retaining union "would melt under the pressures created by Britain's own

The Labour Government might find next autumn that the devolutioo Bill would not match ni union, and might con- Scottish needs when measured

Roman Catholic Creed altered

The change from "I believe ... " to "We believe ... " in the opening words of the Creed in the English version of the Mass has been ordered by the Roman Catholic bishops of England, Wales, and Scotland from next April.

That change, they say, makes the Creed more faithful to the original prayer, which was a communal rather than an individual affirmation of belief.

Those and other changes, affecting the Creed, the Gloria and the Sauctus prayers of the Mass, are being introduced to bring custom in Britain into line with that in other Englisbspeaking couotries. Hitherto a number of varying English-language versions of the Mass have been in use in different

Decree for Mrs Tate Mrs Sheila Tate, wife of Mr Henry Saxoo Tate, executive committee chairman of Tate and Lyle, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court yesterday in an uncontested case because

Writers' group gives cold welcome to proposed legislation to pay authors for books in libraries

Choice of schemes available in new year

Legislation on public lending rights will be introduced in the new year, Mr Jenkins, Under Secretary of State, with responsibility for the arts, said yester-

being discussed with authors' organizations, public libraries and local authorities, and will be provided for in supplementations. ary legislation to be enacted in the summer. Details of schemes for paying authors were sent in a letter by Mr Jenkins last week to those conceroed.

Tony Geraghty writes: Mr lenkins agreed at a press cun-ference vesterday that public lending (1921) scheme might not become effective for months, or the Lizard peoinsula, Cornwall. The conservancy council has bought 103 acres of heathland on Goonhilly Down. The emphasis io the Lizard reserve will be less on the preservation of wildeven years. He said: "This thing has been progressing fur about 25 years."

proposed legislation would contain two pussible schemes, be said. Which one was used would be decided later through statutory instrument. A combination of both schemes would alsu be possible. The two systems are:

To monitor the turnover of authors' works through samples at 72 library counters, enabling a calculation to be made of probable



Miss Brigid Brophy: challenging Mr Jenkins.

To make a single payment to writers of new books as they are purchased by libraries. Authors represented in the

Writers' Action Group, led by Miss Brigid Brophy and Miss Maureen Duffy, argue that the second system is less accurate and contains the obvious anomaly that writers would nor be rewarded for work aiready in use. They also resent the minister's suggestion that if the purchase-based scheme

800 pages justifies a higher paymeet than an essay of 50 pages and I propose therefore to base payments on the published The Writers' Action Group

has invired Mr Jenkins to justify his belief that Gone With the ll'ind (1.042 pages) is 23 times more of "a life's work" than T. S. Eliot's Four Quartets (44

The real objection to the author-favoured sampling author-favoured sampling scheme, it seems, is the factor of error it contains based upon a mer 72 sampling points. The Department of Education cannot reduce the error by increasing the sample, since that would cost 100 much. The factor of error would vary from plus or minus 26 per cent on a pay-men; of £1, 10 plus or minus 4 per cent on a payment of £1.000.

Mr Jenkins said after bis press conference: "We can not really expect Parliament to carry legislation if the degree of inaccuracy is a high one. Therefore I thick we have to show Parliament the degree of unaccuracy involved if we are to introduce a loan-sampling rate. There is no inaccuracy in a purchase-based right."

Leading article, page 15

Some approved heaters are Oxford college dances must unsafe, says 'Which?'

By a Staff Reporter Cheap electric fires un the market may still be dangerous despite receot legislation in the Protection designed to improve safety, according to Which?, the Consumers' Association magazine,

Just over half the 21 new fires tested might have caused a fire because they were too easy to knock over, and almost half were regarded as dangerous because of the chaoces of The magazine says that some

fires with the British Electrical Approvals Board label are unsafe. They bave passed earlier BEAB tests but nor newer and more stringeot ones. The older standards are allowed to persist hecause manufacturers are allowed a chaogeover time.

"Consumers have no way of knowing from the BEAB approval mark that they are less safe than fires approved to the latest standards", the magazine states. It calls for righter procedures to eocourage makers to meet uew safety standards more

make less noise Oxford college commemora-

ioo balls must be quieter oext year or they may be banned. Dr Dermot Roaf, senior proctor bas said io a letter to all college deans and junior common room presidents.

Mr Stanley Garrod, chief enironmeotal health officer for Oxford, had asked Dr Roaf for cooperation io keeping down ooise and "general annoyance' from late-oight firework dis-

House five years empty upsets

A judge in the High Court yesterday criticized the Crown Estate commissioners for leaving a property in the Londun borough of Camden empty for oearly five years while there were so many homeless. "It is a positive scandal, something ought to be done about it". Mr Justice Templemao said in a squatters' case.

The judge said he had no discretion except to make an sioners for possession of the property in Albany Street, Regent's Park, which is occupied by six young squatters and a child. It is a sbop and base-ment with living accommoda-oon, part of the Regent's Park Estate, owned by the Crown siuce the seventeenth century, which is to be redeveloped. Mr Charles Aldous, counsel

for the commissioners, said the property had been empty since tenants left in March, 1970. Development negotiations had fallen through for financial reasons and the commissioners learnt in October that the uroperty was being illegally occu-

A big building company was nnw trying to get planning per-

missiou-The indee said: "I am con-cerned that no one has had the of this property for

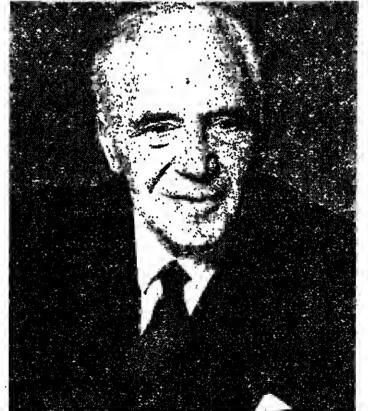
nearly five years Mr Aldons said the commissioners would not enforce the order hefore Christmas.

Guillotine man for Broadmoor

Peter Wilsoo, aged 51, of Witberingtoo Farm, Downton, near Salisbury, who held two men prisoner for almost 24 hours, one with his head under a bome-made guillotine, was committed to Broadmoor by Wiochester Crown Court yester-

At a previous hearing the prosecution said that Mr Wilson, a former riding instructor, had a long bistory of mental trouble.

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-Paul Hodder-Williams, Chairman of Hodder and Stoughton

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single book is sold. We pay the papermaker, printer, binder, artist or photographer, blockmaker and aften advance royalties to authors. But we've always had support from the Midland. "Take an extreme case. We generally pay

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"Our present headquarters next to St Paul's was also built with financial help from

International operations "In recent years," he continued, "we have expanded considerably ou an international scale and we have a big export market in Europe,

and the United States. Our biggest single growth area is the paperback market and we are having to increase our warehouse capacity in order to handle our distribution more quickly and cheaply.

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Houghton committee likely to recommend 30 per cent pay increases for teachers

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

The Houghton committee of inquiry into teachers' pay and their professional structure is likely to recommend very large increases for teachers who make teaching their career and for head teachers.

The average increase for Britain's 500,000 teachers is likely to be about 30 per cent; toe same as that awarded last September to the nurses. It will he hackdated to May 24 and will cost about £400m. It will he paid for out of a special interim order on the rate-

support grant.
The committee of 10 is meeting almost every day to put the touches to the report, which the members expect to sign on Sunday night. It is likely to be presented to Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science and Mr

Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, oo Tuesday.
The Department of Education and Science will publish the report as quickly as possible, probably on Thursday or Friday

next week.
The Houghton recommendations will be subject to negoti-ation within the global sum of

The Houghton committee is likely to recommend fairly modest increases for junior teachers, and a thorough overbaul of the structure of the teaching profession, the teachers' salary structure, and graded posts. The structure in Octoher, Conservative would give to choose the choice of the conservatives would give to choose the conservative have lost a battle but not to choose the conservative would give the conservative would gi

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illegitimacy'

By Our Medical Correspondent

activity may be more important

than poverty or poor bousing

in causing the present frequency of assaults on babies by

their pareots, a psychiatrist

The assaults are closely associated with both illegitimacy and teeoage parenthood and the rise in those conditions

to the past two decades bas

probably led to an increase in

child abuse, according to Dr Selwyn Smith, lecturer in psychiatry at Birmingham

Dr Smith has been studying the causes of assaults on hables for several years and his latest report, in the British Journal of

Psychiatry, is based on interviews with the pareots of 134

hattered children under the age

Compared with the parents of

other children admitted to

hospital as emergency cases, the

parents of battered children were less often married. More

than two-thirds of the mothers

had hecome pregnant while single, and a third of the

children were Illegitimate. More

than half those mothers bad given birth to their first child

while still teenagers, compared

with the national average of 10

He rejects suggestions that hetter training for motherbood,

ready availability of contra-ceptives, and abortion on de-mand could be useful in preventing child abuse.

What is needed, he suggests,

is a reversal of those attitudes to sex and the family which are responsible for increasing

centres of the world.

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The change in society's atti-

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salary gap between teachers at different stages of their career, and to induce them to stay in the profession.

The pay of lecturers in polytechnics would be increased to bring them more into line with rates for university dons. Head teachers could expect increases ahove 30 per cent.

The Houghton committee is likely to recommend that head teachers of the largest schools earning £5,000 a year should have their salaries raised to as much as £9,000.

Teachers earning about \$1,650 would be brought up to about £1,800 a year. There will be no separate report for Scottish teachers, who were hoping for preferential treatment because they say that they are paid less than those south of

All teachers can expect further increases to he negotiated mittee was asked only to examine teachers pay as at May mittee was asked only cost-of-living increases since

mittee, which negotiates for research and action on educathers' salaries io England and Wales, and by the Scottish Teachers Salaries Committee cation policy yesterday. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Oppo-sition spokesman on education, said in London: "By losing the

effect will he to wideo the mittee, will introduce a parents' charter Bill in Parliament on

April 25. It seeks to change the Education Act of 1944, placing the onus on local education authorities to take account of parents' wishes when assigning children to schools. It will also seek an appellate tribunal for parents who think they have been hardly treated.

It would give parents and teachers the right to be repre-sected on school boards and managements and seeks to encourage schools to set up parent teacher associations. The party has also formed a

legal committee uoder Mr Leon Brittan, MP for Cleveland and Whitby, a barrister, to advise local authorities and parents' associations that wish to pre-serve grammar schools. Miss Janet Fookes, MP for Plymouth, Drake, is chairing a group in-vestigating standards of educaby their appropriate salary com-mittees. The Houghton com-mittee was asked only to Ripon is chairing a study group examioe teachers' pay as at May into higher education to con-24, 1974. Teachers' unions will sider the future of students' no doubt base higher claims on grants and numbers, and the

grants and numbers, and the different functions of universities and polytechnics.
Dr Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent, North, is to lead a study into the system pioneered in America of giving parents educational vouchers to cover the amount of money needed to educate their children. That would give them more freedom to choose schools.

Dr Boyson will consider whether it would be practical to pioneer such a scheme in



Snow in the Cleveland Hills, Yorkshire, yesterday.

Hint of new incentive plan after coal talks

From Ronald Kershaw Newcastle upon Tyne

Strong indications that the National Coal Board is preparing another productivity incentive scheme emerged after a meeting between Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the board, and representatives of the unions in the mining industry at Gates-head, Tyneside, yesterday.

Sir Derek would not commit himself on the hoard's future pay attitudes or comment on proposals for a new pay claim to be placed before the national executive of the National Union of Mineworkers today.

The meeting, a joint productivity conference, was the first of a series in the coalfields called on the initiative of the Coal Industry National Consultative Council to discuss ways of Increasing production and productivity. Sir Derek sald: There has to be a re-examination of productivity to see if some alternative scheme can be devised, and it must be done quickly." He would not say whether such a scheme would be prepared in time to meet the next miners' claim.

with the Government by meet- the contract were crucial

Opposition frontbenchers

believe the Government is

changing its mind and consider-ing a variable rate for the prior-charge tax in the Oil Taxation

Bill. That is their interpretation

of an amendment tabled for the

committee stage governing the order in which parts of the Bill will be considered. The new tax

will not be dehated until January, thus allowing time for

Air Correspondent
Although about thirty million

air passengers passed through Britain during 1973-74, only 181 complaints were made to the Airline Users' Committee, according to the committee's

first report, published yester-

The prior-charge tax will he

second thoughts.

By Our Political Staff

ing this year's production tar-ger (the Press Association reports). The target of 120 million tons was set as much by the union as by the NCB, be

"Your union fought for this figure as being realistic and an indication to the people of Britain that the coal industry and the men working in it can deliver the goods", he said in this month's union journal, The Miner.

Test of contract: The main test for the social contract: The main test for the social contract was still to come, Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, declared in a party political broadcast last night (our Political Staff writes). Its future would depend, he said, on what happened in particular negotiations in the next six to eight: tions in the next six to eight

The great majority of workers covered by agreements bad kept within the guidelines sioce pay cootrols were lifted in July. But the National Union of Mine-workers' approach to its sertle-ment would be of the first im-

By next June or July the Government would bave bad time to carry out more of its part of the social contract, but the immediate task was how to Mr Gormley's appeal: Mr part of the social contract, but Gormley, president of the NUM, the immediate task was how to yesterday appealed to miners to early out more of its part of the social contract, but the immediate task was how to yesterday appealed to miners to early out more of its part of the social contract, but the immediate task was how to yesterday appealed to miners to early out more of its

the Government's main means

of raising revenue from off-

shore oilfields, and the Opposi-

tion argued on second reading

that it would not take enough from the rich prolific fields while destroying the incentive

to explore and develop marginal

Conservative oil specialists

say there has been a serious

loss of momentum in the

extraction programme since the

Government's flat-rate tax was

Civil Aviation Anthority in the

summer of 1973, regretted that

its existence was nor widely known, and blamed airlines and the British Airports Authority

for non-cooperation in drawing

Of the 181 complaints, 44 con-

Complaints 'failing to reach airlines'

attention to its work.

Cash for hill farms to move cattle to shelter By Our Agricultural

Correspondent

The Government yesterday offered to pay upland farmers who move livestock off the hills this winter to protect them from malnutrition through shortage of feed. It also said it would meet debts of farmers who defaulted on loans of up to three vears incurred in meeting the costs of winter keep. Diagnoses from government livestock experts will be available free.

Thar was the essence of the long-awaited plan from Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, to meet the combination of a sbortage of fodder and increase

in the livestock population. The Government is ready to par bill farmers 515 a head towards the cost of wintering animals in lowland areas for not less than two months. Loans will be underwritten to a level equivalent to the present hill farm subsidy.

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, said the plan would do little to help upland farmers

Government to help housing cooperatives

The Government has ser up a working party to examine the development, of housing cooperatives and tenant participation in housing management, Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, announced yesterday in a parliamentary written reply.

The group, under the chairmanship of Mr Harold Campbell, chairman of the Sutton Bousing Trust, will report on ways in which central and local government can foster the cooperatives and greater tenant participation.

American, in Europe. All three had to he strong and well halanced, Mr Mason told the meeting, and each had to be buttressed by the other two. By lowering the emphasis on tactical weapons at this stage, they would risk upsetting the balance of the three. On the one hand it might expose Nato to the use of nuclear weapons by the other side and on the other hand it Damages of one franc in 'Jesus trial'

WEST EUROPE

Nato rejects Dutch

plan to cut back on

From Henry Stanhope

Brussels, Dec 11

Defence Correspondent

A Dutch auggestion to reduce the role of tactical nuclear weapons in the defence of

Western Europe received no

support at the meeting today of the Nato Defence Planning

The allies seem to object not

ject of tactical nuclear weapons

might well bave to be intro-duced into the talks on mutual

halanced force reductions in Vienna. But the time is not now.

Both Mr Mason, the British

Defence Sectetary, and Dr Schlesinger, bis American

Schlesinger, bis American counterpart, emphasized the importance of maintaining Nato's triad of forces. This con-

sists of strategic nuclear weapons, conventional forces, and the 7,000 allied tactical

nuclear weapons, most of them American, in Europe.

tactical nuclear arms

so much to the idea of reducing ton. And they should n

any "undue dependence" upon made in advance of any

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There seems to have been a was questioned about .

general feeling at the meeting can attitudes to the subjethat some day the whole sub-

might bring closer the po use of the strategic deter Mr Mason also referred

United States examination

tactical nuclear stockpile of

continent which has to be

the numbers of such wer But if so, they should take multilaterally, not as par

unilateral decision in Wa

ment at the Vienna negoti.
Dr Schlesinger, at a

spoke cautiously of the hility that improveme

Nato's conventional capal

might one day provide the

any over dependence tactical nuclear weapons

triad. The Soviet Unic said, possessed tactical we and Nato would baye to

a position to deal wit-

threat.

He pointed out that Dutch suggestion was no a formal proposal, but judea to be discussed into by the allies.

But he agaio emphasiz-

This might mean reducti

pleted by April.

Troyes, Dec 11.-A French district court today convicted the Abbe Georges: de Names, an ultra-conservative priest, of lihelling Maitre Jacques Isorni a famous member of the French har in a dispute over the bar, in a dispute over the alleged guilt of the Jews in the crucifizion of Jesus Christ.

The Abbe de Nantes, was

The Abbe de Nantes, was ordered to pay Me Isorni damages of one "symbolic franc". However, the court avoided passing a new judgment in the ancient legal argumeot over the trial of Jesus, and recognized the Abbe de Nantes's "sincerity and good Nantes's "sincerity and good faith" in insisting on the strict literal interpretation of the accounts contained in the New Testament

The case arose out of a book published by Me Isorni in 1967, entitled The Real Trial of

Switzerland is prepared to ration food From Our Correspondent

Geneva. Dec 11
The Swiss Governmecently reminded the r
housewives to make sur had sufficient stocks of foodstuffs in reserve t two months.

At the same time, the ernment confirmed that ordered ration cards to pared so that rationing he introduced speedily smoothly if necessary; added that there was no diate prospect of a crisis. These indications of

preparedness for a food gency were published at a of last October. Howev serve domestic food sto no innovation and have good times and bad for

French Government to ai Communist newspaper

From Our Own Correspondent

The French Government bas The French Government has decided to come financially to the aid of L'Humanité, the dien de Paris, a quality Communist Party newspaper, ing newspaper leunch which constantly bas it under April. It often criticizes

M André Rossi, the Government's chief spokesman, told the Senate last night that it would be one of three newspapers " of opinion " due to receive a total of 3.2m francs 12304.2 exceptional aid next yea The others to benefit :

dent Giscard d'Estaing. La Croix, in a recent article, said that it migh to close as a result of the Office strike which sever

deliveries to subscribers.

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Rise in baby No bar on child-killer caring for family time." The report blamed a legal loopbole which hampered attempts to prevent such cases

two of bis haby daughters in six years, could take custody of his remaining two children on release from prison, Mr Derek Clephan, legal adviser to Brans-ley council, Yorkshire, said yes-

Mr Auckland was jailed for 18 months in 1968 for killing one daughter aged nine weeks. Last May, after his wife had left him, social workers allowed him custody of his three other children, In July he hattered another daughter, aged 16 months, to death and was jailed recently for five years for manslaughter.

Mr Geoffrey Dunn social services director for Barnsley, said yesterday that there were no legal grounds to have prevented Mr Auckland from looking after bis children.

one having regard to the facts wife's inadequacies after his son available to the social worker had been severely scalded by a and the area officer ar the kettle

from occurring. Mr Clephan commented: "As

the law stands now Auckland could take custody of his children after his release from prison. But the council's plan to call for parental control to be withdrawn in the event of an offence against cblldren could have wide-reaching effects," he added.

"If this was done it would be "If this was done it would be little sbort of saying that anyone convicted of murder or manslaughter of their children would have to he sterilized. In the case of John Auckland there was no medical evidence which would be required legally to suggest that be would kill again."

The report said that Mr Auck-A report of the council's land's record as a father had inquiry into the case said: heen good and in 1972 be had "The decision not to apply for approached a medical social

Medicine 'ignoring elderly'

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The increasing trend for doc-tors to establish group practices was quoted in Manchester yesterday as an example of bow modern "efficiency" militates against the genuine welfare of

old people.
At a conference on the practical care of geriatric patients called by the Royal Society of Health, Mr David Hohman, director of Age Concern, stated in a paper: "The concept of group practice, with centralized premises and appointment systems, represents a logical development in increasing efficiency, maximizing resources and making sophisticated tech-nological equipment available.

"But to use the system at least two basic requirements are involved: the ability to get to a telephone before a certain time in the morning and the capacity to travel considerable distances to surgeries."

Fewer than a quarter of pensioners had access to a tele-phone. Among the over-85s the proportion was less than

Group practices were effec-tive only if certain assumptions were made. Apart from those relating to access to telephones and transport, there was also an assumption that an elderly person could describe all his symptoms in "five breathless minutes" to a duty doctor he bad never seen before.

Teaching nurses leave for better prospects By Our Medical Reporter

Because nurse tutors are leaving to take other johs, the 77,000 pupil nurses in Britain are getting only the bare hones of training. Dr Eve Bendall, registrar of the General Nursing Council, said in London

Although £2.5m was spent on training for tutorial staff the number of tutors was still only just over two thousand.

The Royal College of Nursing said last night that in the past six years the number of nurse tutors has increased by only 21. In the last pay award to nurses the tutors had not done very well. With that, and waiting for implementation of the Briggs report on nursing services, many had "voted with their feet" hy leaving for better prospects in service and administrative ours-

Television news film awards

Lord Harris, Mioister of State, Home Office, responsible for hroad-casting, last night presented the Royal Television Society's British Television News Film of the Year awards for 1974 in Loodoo. awards for 1974 in Loodoo.
Wfoners were: Regional, BBC
Wales (David Jones, Ralph
Bowden); hard oews (sound), ITN
(Alan Oownes, Robert Hammond);
bard news (team), BBC Leeds
(Harold Caine, Walter Garton,
Barry Wilkinsoo, Paul Berriff, Ron
Lywell Keith Massey). Hurrell, Keith Massey); news feature, Thames TV (Mike Dodds, Ron Thomas); portfolio, BBC TV News (Peter Beggin, R. Benford).

Correction

The wice Oomaice de Vivaggio, mentioned in a Special Report, "Wines and Spirits", on Occem-ber 2, comes from Figari, Corsica,

Danger of powerful forces escaping from rule of law By Our Legal Correspondent

Unless industrial relations were governed within a legal framework there would be "a real risk of forces of great power in our society escaping from the rule of law alto-gether", Lord Justice Scarman said last night.

Giving the third of four Hamlyn lectures in London, he said that if that happened there would be a weakening of the capacity of law to impose restraint on the exercise of power in society.

Despite the failure of the Industrial Relations Act, the need for control according to law would remain "so long as men helieved that uncontrolled power is an evil to be eradicated from civilized society. for it Referring to the "chaos and said.

coofusion" endemic in indus-trial relations, be said that the law's failures to solve it pointed to the need for a reappraisal of the legal system hut not for its

to produce an acceptable answer should we embark on the unknown but deeply suspect waters of a vital human activity devel-oping outside the control of the

Wales for having failed to take sufficient account of the legal difficulties that would follow its implementation. "I will go as far as to submit that it would be irresponsible to initiate constitutional change without legislating for its legal implications", he

rejection.
"Only if the reappraisal fails

general law."

Lord Justice Scarman criticized the Kilbrandon report on devolution for Scotland and

Former solicitor jailed for fraud Richard Adrian Lester,

The committee, aet up by the civil Aviation Anthority in the ammer of 1973, regretted that is existence was nor widely mown, and blamed airlines and he British Airports Authority

former solicitor, was jailed for three and a balf years yester-day for obtaining £103,000 in loans for bogus land deals and selling two cars and a yacht while they were still being paid

Annual Report of the Airline Users' Committee 1973-74 (Civil Aviation Authority, PO Box 41, Cheltenham. 45p).

Mr Lester, aged 36, of Fletch ing Common, Newick, Sussex, admitted nine fraud charges. Canterbury Crown Court was told that the money gained by fraud bad been repaid

Busmen's pay deal Delegates representing 90,000

proviocial company husmen yesterday accepted a pay settle-ment giving them a basic weekly wage of at least £30.60. The transport union will now urge its 4,000 members in Scotland to end their four-week unofficial

Sterling's struggle helps sale rooms shine was considered a version of

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

There is oothing like a fall in the sterling exchange rate to obeer the sale room along; both Sotheby's and Christie's recorded Sotheby's and Christie's recorded exceptional trading days yesterday. Sotheby's big autumn sale of Old Master paintings totalled £1,070,400, with 16 per cent unsold; nearly all the major paintings found buyers. Sotheby's small but distinguished sale of Venetian drawings and prints did not record a single unsold for

a single unsold lot.

At Christie's an Assyrian marble relief carving of about 879 BC went for 557,750 compared with an estimate of £10,000-£15,000. The carving cams from the North-west Paluce at Nimrud and was sent for sale by Lord Gage. The buyer, surprisingly enough, was a Japanese collector. Christie's also held

an outstandingly successful jewel sale in which only nine lots falled to flod buyers. Sotheby's Old Master sale was

Sotheby's Old Master sale was the main event of the day. The top price was £195,000 (estimate £200,000) for a large oil sketch by Tiepolo for his ceiling fresco lo the church of the Scalzi lo Venice. It depicts the "Miraculous translation of the holy bouse of Loreto" and was sent for sale by Lady Rosebery. It was bought by an anonymous English collector. He also paid £40,000 (estimate £40,000-£60,000) for a pair of large Roman landfor a pair of large Roman land-scapes by Panint.

A lerge painting by Rubens, "St Ignatius of Loyola", was sold over the telephone to the Norton Simon Museum in the United States. The painting came from Warwick Castia and until recently

painting in Romania.

A large and highly decorative Venetian scene, "The reception of the French Ambassador at the Doge's Palace", also from War-Doge's Palace", also from War-wick Castle, was catalogued firmly as an early work by Canaletto, although it had been donhted. It went to David Koetser for £125,000 (estimate £100,000-£150,000), a price that is modest should the work now be universally accepted as Canaletto's. as Canaletto's.

as Caualetto's.

Among the more important failures was a Boucher, "Boreas abducting Orythea", unsold at £60,000 (estimate £60,000-£89,000), and a Flemish triptych attributed to Vrancke san der Stockt. unsold at £38,000 (estimate £50,000-£60,000). There were a good many unsold lots but prices even for minor pictures were generally better than at recent sales.

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encb press and public inion find it difficult to jeve it really accomplished ethiog substantial. This imteric diplomatic language d in the long final condealing with the more itroversia! issues discussed. When President Giscard staing read out to a crowd journalists late last night convoluted text on the eed formula to revise Bri-

unacceptable situation se, be was greeted with a ple of laughter.
he emphasis in the French so on the "modest" or nited " results of the sumborage postaling for the berrays nostalgia for the spectacular summits of the with promises of a Euro-economic and monetary on tomorrow, and a polit-union the day after, the thlessness of which became arenr as weeks and months

t's budgetary contribution if

his was precisely what sident Giscard d'Esraing ser to avoid, In his opinion it a very useful summit. The e fact that it took place important in view of the railing scepticism; that it set in train the machinery egular, unspectacular workmeetings of heads of govnent was a great asser for future of the European

tacular, the clash between

om Charles Hargrove
us, Dec 11
so much cold water was ured on the Paris summit fore it was held that the way be did, mainly, it is felt here, for domestic consumption.

It was not by accident, the suggestion is, that his Chur-chillian sortie was in time to catch the evening newspapers in Britain. But after that, both sides moved lowards a compromise solution.

It was a genuine compromise, with no victor of van-quisbed. The French Govern-ment moved from its position of principle that there could be no revision of the budgetcontributions laid down in the Treaty of Accession.

The British Government abandoned its insistence on a direct link between the contribution and the gross domestic product, while repeating that it respected the Community prin-ciple of "own resources", and did not wish to renegoriate either the Treaty of Rome or the Treaty of Accession.

This it had done before, but it was useful to say it in black and white in the agreed com-

The formula agreed is a procedural one, it does not solve the problem. But it does say one or two things which were important to Britain, like the recognition that there is a case and that it should be dealt with now, not later, when it had occurred. So much so that Le Monde, for instance, con-siders that the French Government made a major concession tn Mr Wilson on this point the absence of anything on the regional fund, based on a model it had opposed a year Secard d'Estaing and Mr ago giving Britain a greater on was played up ont of sbare than Prance obtains.

ope that budget accord ill keep Britain in Nine

1 Roger Berthoud sels, Dec 11

Brussels today the Paris nit was widely seen as a set success. Diplomats and ials thought the most posiaspects were the agree-on Britain's budgetary ibucon, which should help stay in the Community; establishment of the oal development fuod, I though it is; and some

eptual breakthroughs (as Kissiogar would say) in oving the EEC's decisioning machinery. ie regional fund was the operational decision and warmly welcomed by the

everal participants, includ-Mr Wilson, Herr Schmidt, West German Chancellor. Tindemans, the Belgian ne Minister, and Dr Garret zerald, the Irisb Republic's lign Minister, were im-sed by the level of dis-ions on the serious omic situation. The switch

seen as a major developeprics suspected, bowevar, the surplus countries— Germany, Holland and ium—would have been d by rising unemploy-to somulate domesnic and even without a summit give them a bouquet for

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unanimity on all council decisions is viewed here as a welcome change of attitude by rhe French, on paper at least. President Giscard's backing for direct elections to the European Parliament was also very wel-come. Mr Tindemans in particular thought it gave the summit a longer-term element; but Mr Gaston Thorn, his Luxembourg colleague, feared the agreement on thrice-yearly meetings of heads of govern-ment could paralyse the already modest powers of decision of the EEC's ministerial councils.

The most obvious failure was io the field of energy policy, where nothing seemed to be participants, President Giscard seemed reluctant to discuss it in any depth, and kept changing the subject. The suspicion was that on this subject his bands were tied by the Gaullist majority at home, making an apply and to France's bycott early end to France's boycott of the International Energy Agency impossible.

One of the mysteries of the conference was the sbarp exchange alleged by British officials to have taken place between Mr Wilson and President Giscard on Britain's budgetary contribution. The Belgians and Germans were among those who could not recall a single clash in the course of a very civilized

meeting.
Mr Wilson must delivered his carefully leaked remark about "seeing no bope of successful negotiations" with deceptive gemality.

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Text of communiqué issued after EEC summit conference in Paris Paris, Dec 11.—The full ist of the communiqué, issued after in the permanent representatives of the communiqué, issued after the EEC summit meeting to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representatives to that only the most Important to the permanent representative to the permanent r

President of the Commission, meet-ing in Paris at the invitation of the French President, examined the various problems confronting Europe. They took note of the reports drawn up by the ministers of foreign offairs and recorded the agreement reached by these ministers no various politic raised the reports.

2. Recognizing the need for an overall approach to the internal problems involved in achieving European unity and the external problems tacing Europe, the heads of government consider ir essential to ensure progress and overall consistency in the activities of the Communities and in the work on

consistency in the activities of the Communities and in the work on political cooperation.

3. The heads of government bave therefore decided to meet, accompanied by the ministers of foreign affairs, three times a year and, whenever necessary, lo the Council of the Communities and in the context of political cooperation. The administrative secretarior will be provided for in an appropriate manner with due regard for existing practices and procedures.

manner with due regard for existing practices and procedures. In order to ensure consistency in Community activities and continuity of work, the ministers of foreign affairs, meeting in the Council of the Community, will act as initiotors and coordinators. They may hold political cooperation meetings at the same time. These arrangements do not in any way affert the rules and procedures laid down in the treaties or the provisions on political cooperation in the Luxembourg and operation in the Luxembourg and Copenhagen reports. At the various meetings referred to in the preceding paragraphs the Commission will exercise the powers vested in ir and play the part assigned to it by the above texts. assigned to it by the above texts,

4. With a view to progress towards European unity the heads of government reaffirm their determination gradually to adopt common posicions and coordinate their diplomatic action in all areas of international affairs which affect the interests of the European Community. The President in office will he the spokesman for the Nine and will set out their views in international diplomacy. He will eosure that the necessary concertation always takes place in good time.

the necessary concertation always takes place in good time.

In view of the increasing role of poliocal cooperation in the construction of Europe, the European Assembly must be more closely associated with the work of the Presidency, for example through replies to questions on political cooperadon put to him by its members.

5. The Heads of government consider it necessary to increase

consider it necessary to increase the solidarity of the Nine both by improving Community procedures and by developing new common policies in areas to be decided on and granding the necessary powers to the insolutions.

of the institutions, of the Community, they consider that it is necessary to renounce the practice which consists of making agreement on all questions conditional on tha manimum constant of the members. all questions conditional on the unanimous consent of the member states, whatever their respective positions may be regarding the conclusions reached in Luxembourg on January 28; 1966.

permanent representatives and involve them in preparing the national positions on European affairs.

8. Moreover, they agree on the advantage of making use of the provisions of the Treaty of Rome whereby the powers of implementation and management arising our of Community rules may be conferred on the Commission.

9. Conceration between the Nine Cooperation between the Nine in arcas outside the scope of the trenty will be continued where it has already begun. It should be extended to other areas by bringing together the representatives of the governments, meeting within the Coursil wherever president the Council whenever possible.___

16. A working party will be set up to study the possibility of establishing a passport union and in amicipation of this, the introin amicipation of this, the intro-duction of a uniform passport.

If possible, this draft should be submitted to the governments of the member states before Decem-ber 31, 1976. It will, in particu-lar, provide for stage-by-stage harmonization of legislation affect-ing aliens and for the abolium of passport control within the Com-munity.

munity.

11. Another working party will be instructed to study the conditions and the fiming under which the citizens of the ulue member states could be given special rights as members of the Community. as members of the Community.

12. The heads of covernment note that the election of the European Assembly by universal suffrage, one of the objectives laid down in the treaty, should be achieved as soon as possible. In this connexion, they await with interest the proposals of the European Assembly, on which they wish the Council to act in 1976. On this assumption, elections by direct universal suffrage could take place at any time in or after 1978.

Since the European Assembly is composed of representatives of the peoples of the states united within the Community, each people must be represented in an appropriate

The European Assembly will be associated with the achievement of European unity. The heads of government will not fail to take into consideration the points of view which, in October, 1972, they asked it to expect on this achievement. asked it to express on this subject. The competence of the European Assembly will be extended, in par-ocular by granting it certain powers in the Communities' legis-

Stotement by the United Kingdom Delegocon

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom explained that Her Majesty's Government did not wisb to prevent the governments of the other eight member states from making progress with the election of the European Assembly by universal suffrage.

Her Majesty's Government could not themselves take up a position on the proposal before the process of renegodation had been complete the process of renegodation had been complete the process of renegodation had been complete the process of the p completed and the results of renegotiation submitted to the Briosh people.

Statement by the Danish Dele-

in accordance with the decision taken in Paris In October 1972, has already started. They are deter-mined to make further progress in

already started. They are determined to make further progress in this direction.

In this connexion, they consider that the time has come for the Nine to agree as 8000 as possible on an overall concept of European union. Consequently, in accordance with the requests made by the Paris meeding of heads of state and of government in October 1972, they confirm the importance which they attach to the reports to be made by the Comminuousy Institutions.

They request the European Assembly, the Commission and the Court of Justice to bring the submission of their reports forward to before the end of June 1975. They 25-704 to trivite Mr Tindenaits. The Prime Minister of the kingdom of Reigium, to submit a comprehensive report to the beads of government before the end of 1975, on the basis of the reports received from the institutions and of consultations which he is to have with the governments and with a wide range of public oploid in the Community.

Economic and monetary union

Economic and monetary union 14. The neads of government having noted that internal and international difficulties have prevented in 1973 and 1974 the accomplishment of expected progress on the road to EMU, atfirm that in this field their will have not washened and that their progressions. nor weakened and that their objective has not changed since the Paris conterence.

Convergence of economic policies 15. The heads of government discussed the economic situation in discussed the economic situation in the world and in the Community. 16. They noted that the increase in energy prices is leading to inflationary tendencies and balance of payments deficits and intensifying the threat of general recession. The resulting alterations in the terms of trade are forcing the member states to redirect their production structures.

17. The beads of government reaffirm that the aim of their economic policy continues to be to combat inflation and maintain

to combat inflation and maintain employment. The cooperation of buth sides of industry will be essential if this policy is to succeed. They emphasize that, in the present circumstances, high priority must be given to economic revival in conditions of stability, i.e., action almed both at prevent-ing a general economic recession

and restoring stability. This must not involve any recourse to pro-tectionist measures which, by setting up a chain reaction, could jeopardize economic revival. Member states which have a balance of payments surplus must implement an economic policy of stimulating domeso's demand and malutaining a high level of employment, without creating new inflationary conditions. Such an attitude would make it easier for countries which have considerable balance of payments deficits to follow a policy which will ensure a satisfactory level of employment, stabilization of costs and an improvement in their external trade balance without resorting to protectionist measures.



Mr Wilson arriving back at No 10 yesterday after the EEC summit talks in Paris.

In the context of the effort to he made by countries baving a sur-plus, the heads of government greet the economic policy measures already adopted by the Netberlands Government as a step in the right direction. They also oote with satisfaction the short-term economic programme which the government of the Federal Repub-lic of Germany intends to follow, particularly as regards stimulating public and private investment, and the fact that the Belgian Govern-ment ratends to follow sult.

They all express satisfaction at the efforts made by the countries baving a balance of payments deficit to maintain their comped-ove position so as to achieve a more satisfactory balance of payments and to improve the level of employment.

19. While acknowledging the special situation of each of the member states of the Community—which makes a uniform policy inspecials. wblcb makes a uniform policy inappropriate—the beads of governinappropriate—the beads of government stress that it is absolutely necessary to agree on the policies to be adopted. This coovergence will be meaningful only if it works towards Communky solidarity and is based on effective permanent consultation machinery. The ministers for economic affairs and finance will be responsible, within the framework of Community procedures, for implementing these goidelines.

20. It is obvious that all these poli-

20. It is obvious that all these poli-cles will be really effective only in so far as the world's major industrialized countries succeed in arresting incipient recessionary tendencies. In this connexion, they note with satisfaction the account given by the Chancellor of the

of convergence between the economic policies of all Industrialized countries along the lines indicated

above.

They also wish the Community and its member states to do the same during the forthcoming international consultations and in the appropriate internacional bodies. 21. The Community will conflowe to contribute to the barmonious expansion of world trade, especially in relation to developing countries, and in order to do so will take a constructive part to the GATT trade negotiations which it hopes to see actively continued in the near future.

Regional Policy

22. The heads of government decided that the European regional development fund, designed to correct the principal regional imbalances in the Community resulting notably from agricultural predominance, industrial chaoge and structural under-employment, will be put into operation by the institutions of the Community with effect from 1 Jaouary 1975.

23. The fund will be endowed with 300 mua in 1975, with 500 mua for each of the years 1976 and 1977, i.e. 1300 mua.

24. This total sum of 1300 mua will be floanced up to a level of 150 mua by credits not presently utilized from EAGGF (guidance section). Regional Policy

The resources of the fund will The resources of the fund will be divided along the lines envisaged by the Commission:

Belgium: 1.5°,; Denmark:
1.3°,; France: 15°,; Irelaod:
6°,; Italy: 40°,; Luxembourg:
0.1°,; Netberlands: 1.7°,; Federal Republic of Germany: 6.4°,; United Kingdom: 28°.

United Kingdom: 28%.
freland will in addition be given another 6 mua which will come from a reduction to the sbares of the other member states with the exception of Italy.

Employment problems:
25. The effort needed to combat inflation and the risks of recession and upemployment as desscribed above must accord with the imperatives of a progressive and equitable social policy if it is to receive support and cooperation from both sides of industry, both at national and Community level. In this respect, the beads of government emphasize that the economic and social committee can

economic and social committee can play an important role in associa-ting both sides of industry in the definition of the Community's economic and social aims. economic and social aims.

Above all, vigorous and coordinated action must be taken at Community level to deal with the problem of employment. This will require the member states, in conjunction with the organizations concerned, to coordinate their employment policies in an appropriate manner and to set priority targets.

priare manner and to set priority targets.

26. When the time is ripe, the Council of the Community will consider, in the light of experience and with doe regard to the problem of the regions and categories of workers most affected by of workers most affected by employment difficulties, whether and to what extent it will be necessary to increase the resources of the social fund.

Federal Republic of Germany of 27. Being coovinced that in this his talks with the President of the period of economic difficulty period of economic difficulty special emphasis should be placed on social measures, the heads of government reaffirm the importance which they attach ro implementation of the measures listed in the social action programme approved by the Council in its resolution of 21 January 1974.

28. The heads of gorenment make It their objective to harmonize the degree of social security afforded by the various member states, while maintaining progress but without requiring that the social systems obtaining lo all member states should be identical.

> 29. The heads of government discussed the energy problem and, in this connexion, the related major financial problems created for the community and for the wider

30. They further noted that the ministers of energy of the Community countries are due to meet on 17 December.

on 17 December.

31. The heads of government, aware of the paramount importance which the energy problem has in world economy, have discussed the possibilities for cooperation between mil exporting and oil importing countries, un which subject they heard a report from the Federal Chancellor. 32. The beads of government attach very great Importance to the forthcoming meeting between the President of the United States

33. The heads of government, referring to the Council resolution of 17 September 1974, have invited the Community institutions to work out and to implement a com-mon energy policy in the shortest possible time.

Britain's membership of the

34. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom indicated the basis oo which Her Majesty's Government approached the negotiations regarding Britain's continued membership of the Community and set nut the particular issues to which the Government attached the highest importance.

35. The heads of government recali 35, The beads of government recali the statemenr made during the accession negotiations by the Community to the effect that " if unacceptable situations were to arise, the very life of the Community would make it imperative for the insotutions to find equitable solu-

36 They confirm that the system of "own resources" represents of "own resources" represents one of the fundamental elements of the economic integration of the Community.

37. They invite the insotudons of 37. They invite the Insoftudons of the Community (the Council and the Commission) to set up as soon as possible a correcting mechanism of a general application which, in the framework of the system of "own resources" and in harmony with its normal functioning, based on objective criteria and taking into consideration in particular the suggestions made to this effect by the British Government, could prevent during the period of conprevent during the period of convergence of the economies of the member states, the possible development of situations unacceptable for a member state and incompadble with the smooth working of the Community.—

Mr Wilson's attitude is praised by Herr Schmidt

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, Dec 11

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, wenr out of bis way in the Bundestag today to record bis apprecia-tion of Mr Wilson's "coopera-tive attitude" ar the EEC sum-mit in Paris.

Opening a special foreign affairs debate, Herr Schmidt said that be wanted to make special mention of two participants in the Paris meeting. One was President Giscard d'Estaing for his preparatory work and

his "fair and constructive" cbairmansbip.

"Prime Mioister Wilson, supported by Foreign Minister Callagban, also adopted a cooperative attitude. Prime Minister Wilson took part in all decisions, notwithstanding

"He declared unequivocably that England is not conducting what he calls tha 'renegouation' with the aim of changing

Britain's financial burden to a satisfactory solution on the basis of objective criteria.

all decisions, norwithsranding the still unresolved questions of principle in Britain.

the treatias, but far more within the treaty texts in force. "The remaining beads of government in response declared themselves ready m bring the problem of Great

"I regard both these things as an important step forward, and I do not believe I am exaggerating if I claim a part of the credit for this for the Federal Government." Herr Schmidt was referring to his calls with Mr. Wilson at with Mr Wilson at into a considerable mediator

Chequers less than a fortnight

The Chancelior announced that Presidenr Ford would be coming to West Germany in the foreseeable future, and would also visit West Berlin.

Herr Schmidt repeatedly sounded warnings of the danger that the present economic recession could turn into a

cession could turn into a depression, unless joint action were taken by the EEC and the

United Stares.

The Chancallor always says that there is no place for optimism or pessimism in politics.

An observer can therefore record only a change of the same of the sa cord only a change of tone in bis assessmenr of the Western world's chances of coping with the consequences of the oil

Crisis.

His speeches and comments on the economic crisis before the past fortuight of bectic travels and talks were full of gloom. While today's statement is a long way shorr of euphoric, its tone auggests that the Chan-cellor may now see a glimmer of light. Bur be rook care to point out that there was a long way go yet. Herr Schmidt said that after

bis visits to Washington and the Paris summit, "I am now more optimistic about the success of optimistic about the success of the (forthcoming) meeting between President Ford and President Giscard d'Esraing.".

If this crucial meeting, largely concernad with a common front on energy problems, does work our wall the Chancellor will again be able to claim much of the credit. Herr Schmidt has auddenly turned into a considerable mediator.

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Europe 'stronger with British participation'

M Jean Monnet, the presidenr United States of Europe, bas given the following exclusive

I have no doubt that the majority of citizens in Europe, be they French, German, Dutch, Belgian or Luxembourgers, ardently wish Britain should join them to create what is now overabundantly obvious and necessary, that is to say a united

We can only exercise the influence to which our European civilization entitles us and protect the interests of all our peoples if the older nations coma together to form a new Com-munity on the scale of the needa of the Europe in which we live.

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Dec 11

Now all that bas changed.

For 25 years, first in the name of the French Government, and

Sixty years ago the British bad an empire, the French had an empire, and the Germans bad an empire; and all ther really mattered in the world took place in Europe, among the countries I think that Europe will be stronger with Britain in it, and better able to preserve what we all think is important. I also believe it is better in Britain's interest to take part in this organization of Europe

The British no longer bave an of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe, bas the Germans. And the big events in the world occur mostly outstatement to The Times on the morrow of the Paris EEC summit conference, about Britain of a completely new world, such as we bave never known before, in which no European country alone can exercise influence or even protect its people's

> then in the name of the Action Committee for the United States Committee for the United States of Europe, I have made every effort for Britain to become part of the Community, on the same terms as the other member countries. Political circumstances in Britain bave influenced the progress of British participation. Everyone knows its vicissitudes.
>
> I think that Europe will be strongeer with Britain in it, and

A sight better!

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Mr Ford accepts that Congress will not pass tax increase plan but rejects idea of wage controls

From Frank Vogl United States Economic Correspondent

Washington, Dec 11 President Ford has given up bope that the Congress will pass his proposed 5 per cent income tax increase. He told congressional leaders today that he is open-minded on new policies to fight inflation and recession. but sees no need for wage and price controls.
Mr Ron Nessen, the chief

White House snokesman, stated the President fully accepted that there was no chance of the Congress acting on his tax increase plan this session and no firm decision had yer heen taken whether in reintroduce the proposal next year.

The spokesman said the President was constantly reviewing economic policies, but he did not plan to announce new policies in a speech tonight to the Business Council, a group of some 150 chairmen of America's

Mr Nessen emphasized that the President had not changed his mind on the point that in-creased federal spending musi be financed through increased taxation, but he appreciated that Congress was in no mood to accept a tax increase at this time. The spokesman stated that the President told congressional leaders this morning that be still firmly helieved that his economic orogramme of Octo-ber 8 is finely tuned to meet

made author

His explanation of what went

wrong between one production and another was: "In London,

Zeffirelli was dealing with an

organic group of actors who bad worked together and knew

each other over a long period, actors who work with passion

if told to do something by the producer, want to know why.

"I have been told that Olivier, Plowright, and Finlay, as well as the others, con-

tinually went back to the text to understand ideas and actions

which they did not find con-

vincing, and they rehearsed at

leogth.
"In New York there were

only tour weeks of rebearsal

with a cast containing some excellent actors but who did

never possible to be successful

by concentrating on the Neapolitanness of the charac-

ters or of the plot because he

had insisted constantly on doing away with all local colour and

folklore on the stage. Attempts

at realism, such as that of Signor Zeffirelli, made bim

"Putting the first act song with mandolins in the play is

like-this is by way of explana-

tion not to make a comparison
—putting 'The Volga Boatmen'
in The Cherry Orchard to show

that it is bappening in Russia.

how things went in America, but on the other band, in

Loodon, which I regard as the

theatrical centre of the world

today, the play is going splen-didly: Joan Plowright is better still every evening and Frank Finlay moves me every time I

see him
"All I would cut out would

be the music and the taking of bows around the table. This

is attractive but pointless, and when you have 70 years in the theatre behind you, you reach

the point of wanting to cut out

everything that is essential ..."

Certainly I am sorry about

with competence and wbo,

Zeffirelli

'shudder'

Continued from page 1

realism

the dual problems of inflation ded tax cuts and gave a warning

The surtax was a key element in this programme, as were sub-stantial budget cuts, which the Congress now seems likely to largely reject

Democrats in Congress have come out strongly for controls on wages, prices, profits and rents, but Mr Nesseo stated that the President told the congressional leaders that there was no need for stand-by authority or mandatory controls.

Senior Administration officials now admit that even if the Coogress accepts all of the President's budget-cutting plans the present year's budget will a deficit of more than S13,000m (about £4,700m). Savings of some \$4,700m were hoped for through tax increases. The President strongly urged the congressional leaders to ensure immediate passage for his

proposals to increase unemployment benefits and expand public service jobs programmes. Mr Nessen said. Senator Robert Research Senator Robert Griffin, a Republican from Michigan, noted that the Presi-dent was "seriously concerned" about the extent of the downturn in the economy in the last couple of months.

Forceful arguments for much greater reflationary efforts were academic economists at a meeting of the Senate budget committee. Dr Arthur Okun, of the Brooking Institution, recommen-

that unemployment, now at 6.5 per cent, might well reach 8 per cent by next summer.

Dr Otto Eckstein, bead of Resources Incorporated, told the committee that the economy would sink still lower if present Government policies were pursued, but that a significant recovery could develop, with an inflation rate of about per cent, in the second balf of 1975, if fiscal and monetary

policies were eased now. Professor Murray Weiden-baum, of Wasbington University, urged expanded public works programmes and suggested that in strength of the United States economy would generate much of its own recovery.

Mr Nessen stated that Mr Frank Zarb. who has been nominated to head the Federal Administration, supported an idea to leave energy conservation programmes to a private contractor at a meeting held in New York yesterday, which President Ford atteoded with sevco members of Mr Nelson Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices for America.

President Ford is encountering increasing criticism in the Congressmen for enjoying him-quence spending too little time dealing with economic and energy problems.

Martial law imposed after Rangoon riots

mese Government today declared martial law in Rangoon and placed the city under curfew after widespread destrucan dthose of them not mad were

tion and looting One person was killed and three others were wounded when police opened fire as housands of rioters set fire to vebicles and Government build-

A statement by the State ouncil said emergency emcrgency measures were prompted by "mob rule which had become widespread"

"Lawless mobs", it added, roamed all over the city,

Rangoon, Dec 11.-The Bur- stations and road and railway The radio said there were no

incidents when riot police raided Rangoon University campus. The body of U Thant, the former United Nations Scoretary-General was removed this morning to his new burial ground, despite incitement by lawless elements against the security forces. security forces.

The students scized U Thant's body last Thursday saying that they wanted a more fitting funeral and a special mausoleum for him.
U Thant's body was reinterred today at the family built

mausoleum near the Shweda attacking or destroying Govern gon pagoda, Burma's most ment offices, markets, police sacred shrine.—Reuter.

Declaration for International Women's Year

From Our Own Correspondent

not form a real company, but above all I believe that Zeffi-relli respected the British pub-New York, Dec 11 International Women's Year, but not the American Signor de Filippo, who is 74, argues that in bis plays, it was

which is due to start on January L. was given a send-off in a ceremony at the United Nations yesterday. Princess Ashraf Pablayi, of Iran, presented Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary. General, with a declaration oo women's rights which had been endorsed by 55 governments, including Britain.

The declaration said that

peace could not be maintained nor economic and social progress be assured without the "full participation of women alongside men".

African guerrilla movements to ioin in UN work

From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Dec 11
The United Nations bas decided to allow a number of African liberation movements to take part in its committee work The decision covers all the fused to allow him to use his movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, and will allow them to take part in all relevant work in the main committees of the General Assembly, as well as conferences

concerning their countries. This is the outcome of a deal between the Arabs and the Africans, by which the Palestine Liberatioo Organization was also given observer rights.

Dr Shtern's trial opens in Ukrainian town

Moscow, Dec 11.—Dr Mikhail Shtern, a Jew, went on trial in the Ukrainian town of Vinnitsa today on charges of bribery and swindling, dissident Jews pre-sent at the trial's opening said. In a telephone call to correspondents from Vinnitsa, Mr Alexander Goldfarb, an activist, said be and two fellow observers who travelled specially from Moscow, and several relatives and friends of ot 50 people allowed to attend

Dr Sbtern, who has been in prison since May awaiting trial. was formally charged with accepting bribes totalling 775 roubles (about £478) Mr Goldfarb said the doctor

pleaded oot guilty. Physicist can leave; Mr Alexander Voronel, aged 43, a physicist and outspoken Jewish activist, bas received permission to emigrate, and says be will go to Israel.—Reuter and

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today's session.

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Mr Murphy refuses to discuss his wife's business during Australian Senate questions

Miss Morosi hits back at innuendoes

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 11

Miss Juni Morosi, who earlier this week declined an offer to ioin the staff of Dr Cairns, the Deputy Prime Minister, as bis private secretary, gave a press conference in Sydney today.

Facing the television and press cameras, she calmly answered question after question and undoubtedly made a favourable impression by ber candour and composure.

She told the reporters: "I feel I have been used by certain interests in an effort to embarrass the Labour Government I regard the stories which bave beeo circulating about my sexual relations with Cabinet ministers as baseless innuen-

"There is absolutely no truth in them at all. What I have found as particularly hurtful is the effect all this controversy has had upoo my family. That has been most distressing. " As for the statements being circulated about the failure of companies with which I have been associated, it is a fact that 90 per cent of companies regis-

tered in Australia fail. I cheated no one. No public moneys were involved. The only moners involved were moneys belonging to me. I find it strange that the New South Wales Corporate Affairs Commission should suddenly start investigations at this particular time when it all happened three years agn and was public property then. She was asked: "How do you think you will come out of all this?"

She reflected for a moment and then replied quietly: "

Police seize

churchmen's

The South African Government publicly exercised its authoritariao muscle yesterday

by staging simultaneous police swoops in Cape Town and

Johannesburg to seize the pass-

The victims were six leading

memhers of the anti-apartheid

Christian Institute, including Dr C. F. Beyers Naudé, the insti-

the institute's Cape director,

telephone until be parted with

There is no obvious reason

for the dramatic manner in which the passport confisca-tions have been carried out,

other than to provide a de-liberately overt display of

Government toughness, presum-ably in the belief that it will send intimidatory ripples

urther afield. It seems that the

Government does not intend its efforts to reach a black-white

detente io southern Africa to give any impression of a relaxa-tion of authority at bome.

their passports restored by Dr Connie Mulder, Minister of the Interior, last March after a previous confiscation. The return of bis passport bad

allowed Dr Beyers Naude to visit tha United States where he received the Rheinbold Niebubr award for theological scholarship and political involvement and an bonorary

doctorate in law from the

Chicago Theological Seminary.
During his trip overseas Dr
Beyers Naude incurred the
wrath of Mr Vorster, the
Prima Minister, for reportedly
saying in a speech in Holland

that in the seemingly inevitable event of revolution in South

Africa, the Christian Institute would support the African freedom fighters. Dr Beyers Naude bas strongly denied the inferences placed upon his words and produced a tape recording of his speech to sub-

The other officials whose passports have been seized are the Rev Brian Brown, Mr Horst Kleinschmidt and Mr Peter Randall. The Rev Roelf Meyer, editor of Pro Veritate, the institute's journal, resisted demands for his passport saying that freedom of movement

ing that freedom of movement

was a basic buman right.
Dr Beyers Naudé described

Canberra, Dec 11.-The aver-

age weekly wage in Australia rose by 30.9 per cent to \$A99.43 (£56.50) for males and

by 44.3 per cent to \$A87.27 (£49.50) for women, in the 12

months to September 30

Bernard Levin, page 14

the Government action

petty and vindictive"

Wages up 30.9%

stantiate his denial.

Four of the victims bad bad

ports of dissident churchmen.

S. African

passports

From Michael Knipc

Cape Town, Dec 11

tute's director.

bis passport.



Miss Juni Morosi: centre of

In the Senate in Canberra today Senator Liocel Murphy, the Attorney General, was ques-tioned about alleged association between Ethiopian Airways, Miss Morosi, ber busband, Mr David Ditchburn, and the senator's wife. Mrs Ingrid Murphy.
Asked, whether he consid-

ered himself under any obliga-tion to Ethiopian Airways, be replied "No". He was also asked if he would reveal any benefits be or his wife received from the airline by way of free or concessional world travel or in other ways.

Senator Murphy was asked what business Ethiopian Air-

ways carried on in Australia 2nd if this was e front for other activities. He was unable to tell the Senate about the activities of Ethiopian Airways in Australia, he replied "Even if I were it is not within by ministerial portfolio".

He added: "I do not intend

to enter into the business affairs of my wife in this Chamber. I do not think the Senate would expect me to and I do oot in-tend to." He was cheered by Lebour senators.

Mrs Murpby bas worked as a public relations consultant for Ethiopian Airways. Toe airline's representative in Australia is

Sir John Kerr, the Governor General, today swore io Dr Cairus as Federal Treasurer and Mr Frank Crean, the former Treasurer, as Minister for Overseas Trace, the post previously held by Dr Cairns.

Dr Cairns was later inter-riewed by the press. He said that although difficult times were ahead, Australia had turoed the corner and was now moving to the correct direction An improvement was definitely non ceable.

No matter who bad been Government in recent mooths, our economic experibetter, because what bes bappened is built into the system. Admittedly we bave made mistakes, the worse being our belief we could check inflation by permixing an increased inflow of goods from overseas through tariti adjustments.

Perbaps we went too far in that direction. Nevertheless it was a justifiable decision in the circumstances. It was a risk worth taking. To think you can being stupidly unrealistic."

Grenades kill three in Tel Aviv cinema

Tel Aviv. Dec 11.-A man hurled hand grenades into a Tel Aviv cinema tonight and killed tbree people, including himself, Israeli Radio reported. At least 44 people were wounded.

Five grenades were thrown during the evening's second show, three of them from the balcony to the seating area on them in the balcony itself.

It was not clear if all the grenades went off. Some eve-wimesses said there were five loud, brilliant explosions. But police reportedly found and defused some unexploded grenades.

Teams of troops, police and ambulances raced to the Chen cinema at Dizeogoff Circle, at the beart of Tel Aviv, and sealed off the district.

A squad of 10 policemen took part in the raid on the lastitute's office in Johannesburg, entering the offices of five officials. In Cape Town two Mr Han Mehler, who was in the cinema, said: "There were policemeo were waiting at the nome of the Rev Theo Kotze, about 200 people downstairs but most of them were sitting in the back section. The man tossed five grenades downstairs towards the front. They exploded. The hangs were horrible. Everyone threw themselves to the

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: Israelis today assumed that the attacks with rockets mounted on cars against the offices of the Palestine Liberation Organizanon in Beirut yesterday bad been the work of Israel agents, but officially there was no comment.

People expressed pride over the sophistication of the methods and the precision in the selection of targets in contrast to the indiscriminate killings by Arab terrorisis. The newspaper Magrio said in

a leading article that it accepted the PLO spokesman's claim that Israel agents bad a hand in the operation. "If so, blessed be those hands and blessed be those who sent them."

Another writer noted that the raid was the first attack on PLO beart of Beirut since three terrorist leaders were killed in eir nomes m Adril, 1973, Isra had then officially acknowledged the operation, the writer said. The Maariv article said that the precision in locating targets

should worry Arab terrorists.

Scali speech on 'tyranny' denounced at UN

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 11 The United States and other Western countries came under heavy fire in the United Nations today when the developing couptries mounted a counterattack on their criticism of this year's

General Assembly.
Speaker after speaker
answered Friday's speech by Mr John Scali, the American repre-sentative, in which ba spoke of the "tyranny of the majority It was simply that times bad changed, they said, and that the Americans no longer had the majority they had in the past.
Mr Abdellatif Rahal, the Algerian representative, pointed out that in the past Palestine bad been partitioned by a majority vote, in spite of the opposition of a considerable minority. The same was true of the United Nations decision to intervene io Korea, and of the 20 years in which the General Assembly had refused to recognize the Peking Government.

Mr Rahal denied that South Africa had been a Africa bad been expelled illegally from the United Nations. The decision not to

year's General Assembly was completely legal. So was the decision to limit speeches in the Palestine debate, among them those by Israel.

The fact that the assembly's

majority was now made up largely of the less developed, less populated and less powerful members, should add to its moral authority. It was the minority, not the majority, which was unreasonable and irrational.

Mr Scali's remarks on Friday bad reflected the concern of many of the Western countries over decisions taken in this year's General Assembly, particularly over South Africa and Israel. Other countries, such as Britain, France and West Germany, made similar points, but with much less force.

The main complaint was that the developing countries were using their majority to force through decisions without coosideration of the views of the minority. This left out of account the views of countries which had a certain influence in the areas considered, and weakened the authority of the allow it to take part in this United Nations, it was argued. mooth.

Tough Nixon adviser weeps at trial

Washington, Dec 11

Mr John Ehrlichman, the most defiant of Mr Nixon's associates, bas surprised the hard men of Washington by weeping at the Watergate trial.

An even greater surprise was that be did not live up to his defence counsel's promise of blaming all the cover-up on the former President. Mr Ebrlichman was far more

gentle, suggesting only his regret that Mr Nixon had not followed his advice to expose the cover-up. Mr Nixon, he suggested, regretted it, too.

The break in this resilient man's composure came not in any confession or expression of remorse, but wheo he spoke of what he bad asked Mr Nixon to tell his five children. Mr Ehrlichman,

evidence yesterday in his own defence was taken by his counsel through the emotional story of his parting from the President in April, 1973, when he, along in April, 1973, when he along with Mr H. R. Haldeman, was asked to resign over Watereate. At the end, he said, Mr Nixon had offered again to help with legal fees. Mr Ehrlichman, said be refused. Mr Nixon, also weep her with the said was a said to be refused. Mr Nixon, also weep her with the said to be refused. ing at that time, had asked if there were anything he could do. Mr Ebrlichman continued : "I said that cometime I'd like him to explain in our child-

The witness sobbed at this. His wife who was in court also had tears on her cheeks. Judge Sirica called a recess to allow Mr Ehrlichman to compose him-

When he returned Mr Ehrlichman insisted on finishing briefly: " I said he could explain to our children why he was asking me to leave. That basic refused.

ally was the end of our mee

Mr Ehrlichman, whose ma defence to the charges of co spiracy to obstruct justice that he was deceived by 3 Nixon into being an unwisting accomplice in a cover-up whihe was trying to expose, placthe parting on April 29 at Asp Lodge at Camp David.

. Hitherto he has affected appear untroubled by his earli trial and Senate ordeals. demeanuur has been that of 1 tough chief presidential advion domestic affairs, a post occupied for foor years.

Now he recalled that President had been "very ci tionally upset". Mr Nixon s he regretted baying to ask closest advisers to resign. "
felt I had tried to be his c
science: He said in refl
tion my judgment had been c
rect and that he would like help me with attorney fees needed them. He said he ha large sum of muney that could share."

This was presumed to be another reference to a fund some \$200,000 to \$300,000 wh. Mr. Nixun said his friend Bebe Rebozo had available in contributors. The existence the fund was disclosed by a t recording played at the trial

The fact that Mr Nixon, the taped conversation with Haldeman and Mr Ebrlicho said the contributors were to favoured and so forth raised many new quest about a "slusb fund" On the tare Mr Ebrich and Mr Haldeman refuse

offer of financial assista Giving his evidence yester Mr Ehrlichman emphasized the offer had indeed i

Mounted police charge crowd at Boston school ting the school since t

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 11

Violence flared up again in South Boston today after a white pupil of 17 had beco stabbed in the abdomen at the high school. About 600 angry whites converged on the school whites converged on the school to prevent the black pupils from leaving. They dispersed only after being charged by mounted

Bricks, siones, tins and eggs were thrown at the six mounted policemen as they led the charge. Several policemen were reported to have been injured and some members of the crowd were arrested.
Officials ordered the closing

of the school for the rest of the week, in the hope that a cooling-off period would relieve the tensions.

Most of the white parents in

pupils began being brough from Roxbury, a neighbor area, at the beginning of school year in September. I have also been intermitten cidents between black and v pupils in several of the other schools, and there tinued today. At Hyde Park High Sc

extra police were called in teachers detected a particu tense atmosphere. At Roslit High School, a number of a pupils walked out after a between blacks and westerday. Elsewhere a carrying black pupils was st by wbites.

In South Boston, a youth of 18 was charged assault and battery in coan with the stabbing at the school. The victim was sa South Boston bave been boycot- be on the danger list.

House affirms ban on arms aid for Turkey

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 11 The suspension of American military assistance to Turkey was affirmed overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives today. The suspension went into effect at midnight lasr night under the terms of a continuing

resolution. In a technically separate move, the bouse rejected, as part of the passage of the new Foreign Aid Bill, a Secare exten-sion of the deadline until mid-February.

Instead, by a vote of 297 to 98, it adopted an amendment by Mr Benjamin Rosenthal making the suspension mandatory until Turkey withdrew its troops from Cypros:

Ex-White House man guilty

Washington, Dec 11. — Another sometime power at the Nixon White House was convicted today in federal court of an election fund offence. Mr Harry Dent, of South Carolina, wbo managed Mr Nixon's discredited and racially divisive "southern strategy", pleaded guilty of concealment of contributions.

The judge placed him on unsupervised probation for a

Greece begins Nato withdrawal

From Our Correspondent Athens, Dec 11

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, informed Parliament today that he bad set in motion the technical procedures for Greece's military withdrawal from Nato, as well as for the revision of the status of American bases in Greece.

"This does not mean that

Greece proposes to break off political, cultural, or other relations with the West." be stated. The Prime Minister was outlining his Government's policy before the newly-elected Parliament. He described today's session as historical because it ratified, in a sense, the death of tyranny and the rebirth of a working democracy in Greece. Greece decided to withdraw from Nato's military arm last August because the alliance, as Mr Karamanlis put it today, "failed to avert and tolerated" the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. In practice, little has been done to implement this decision and bardly any Greek military personnel serving in Nato headquarters, except Izmir, have been withdrawn so far. But the Prime Minister revealed today

that Greece bad sent recently Notes to the parties concerned and was taking practical measures to implement the withdrawal. He also requested the revision

of the agreements concerning American bases in Greece. Mr Karamanlis aaid bis Government would table in

Parliament next week the draft of a new constitution suitable for Greek conditions. It is understood that this will be a mixture of the Gaullist prototype for a republic with sidential rule, counter-balanced by the substantial powers granted to the Government in order to ease its legislative work. "It will bolster the executive, without diminishing the Government's responsibility to-wards Parliament", Mr Kara-manlis explained.

It is oow clear that when the charter is approved within three or four months, Mr Karamanlis will be elected by Parliament as the new President of the Republic. This has naturally increased the reluctance of Mr Paragraphs. Panayons Kanellopoulos, the respected former Prime Minister, to accept the office of interim President. Mr Karamanlis, outlining Army.

bis government's foreign policy, said this was based on national independence, security and dignity. He had reassured the leaders of Cyprus that Greece would continue to give full sup-port to the islanders to their

> He had also pledged that his Government would not submit to faits accomplis in Cyprus nor agree to solutions that the nation considered unacceptable.

There were serious problems with Turkey affecting vital Greek interests which the Government would not leave unprotected. Turkey's aggressiveness, be said, was ruining Greek-Turkish friendship. Greece prefers consultation to confrontation, but knows bow to defend her national The Greek Governinterest.

ment always hopes Turkey will revise ber provocative be-baviour and cease being a threat to peace in this aensitive region of the world", be added, The Prime Minister saw Greece integrated in the European Community and playing a role in Europe's unification efforts. However, in order to

settlement of the Cyprus lem in view. He held a of separate meetings with Demetrios Bitsios, the Foreign Minister, and Mr. Esenbel, bis Turkish colle

Marijuana swoop

the biggest drug baul in tralian bistory when they f a marijuana crop with a market value of millioo dollars on a five-acre farm of Sydney early today. E. men have been arrest Ageoce France-Presse.

622 go free in **Philippines** Manila, Dec 11.—Pros Marcos of the Philippioes announced the release o

martial law prisoners by jected amnesty for people l in an alleged right-wing p assassinate him, including ing members of the Oppor In a nanonwide broadca said that "assassins" wer covered by presidential am because they were "cor criminals moved by pr personal motives.

British safety officer Bahrain electrocutes Bahraio, Dec 11.—Mr Garner, aged 55, the B chief safety officer of the rain Petroleum Company.

electrocuted today while to fight a fire on a power mission pole damaged by winds.—Reuter. Tanker blast deaths Yokohama, Dec 11-eople died aod seven c people died were hurt today in explo nn board a 261-ton oil taidentified as Shell No 6,

Sun mission goes we Cape Canaveral, Dec. The West German-built I spacecraft has streaked bour on its way to its around the sun to colleformation about the sun's on Earth and space.

Tokyo bay berth.

Perón trip delayed Buenos Aires, Dec 1 now storm today prev President Isabel Peroi Argeotica from landin Antarctica where she will a claim for Argentine eignty over an area be 25° and 74° W longitude.

aircraft bad to return to Gallegos in southern บ na.∙ Cyprus initiative Brussels, Dec 11.—Or singer, the United States ! tary of State, who is in giom, today launched a diplomatic initiative with

Sydney, Dec 11 -- Police support an independent foreign policy, Greeca needed a strong

Arrests not scaffold will reassure public

IR WALDEN (Birmingham, in waller (simingham, ywood, lah), opening a debate apital punishment, moved:—
That this House, while recogning that pulltical terrorismires a reappraisal of establish attitudes, is of the opinion arount of the death. a reintroduction of the death sts nor increase the safety of

public."
e said he was one of those who
tht an early debate on this
ect. The House should speak
clearly today and set at rest all
ulation as to its intentions. He
ted to set against the outrages red to set against the ourrages to terrorists and the justifiable r of the people the reasoned ment of the House. He pied that those who sincerely reed with him did so out of ern for the safety of the pub-

he was asked what was the est deterrent that one could against political terrorism he d answer—the same deterrent one had against env crime, the ability of apprehension. The e welcomed the arrests that been made in Birmingham, e widespread arrests would do o reassure the public than the innocent.

A woman who handed explosives to a man knowing that they were to be used to commit an act of to reassure the public than scaffold they might build.

you hanged the terrorist murderer, executed him by firing quad, put him in an electric chair or gave him a lethal injection. You could

the public demanded the reintro-duction of the death penalty for this crime. Any expression of pub-lic opinion must be a marter of concern to the House and must form part of its judgment. No MP should surrender to his constituents his judgment simply lucause he feared that the expression of his convictions might prove unpopular outside the House. outside the House.

Our duty [be said] Is to use our reason and to use it well.

A second argument was that retribution was called for and that the only retribution for this rrime could be death. Retribution was no different from revenge and the House hed had no business with revenge.

The business of the House was justice. Justice was that punishment for the guilty that best preserved the life and the values of the impresent

him a lethal Injection. You caute not paint or varnish over a judicial execution to make it appear other than what it was, a cold blooded act of the state to take a life. (Labour cheers.)

Tabour cheers.) whole of human history disproved that contention. Did anyhudy suppose that the self-appointed chicls of staff of the IRA, men careful never to expose themselves to apprehension, would be deterred by the possibility that their convirted iollowers might be executed?

Death was their business, it was from the ghastly images of death that they drew their inspiration. It was the abiding characteristic of the fanatic mind. Destruction did not perturb them.

romaitted multiple murders In furtherance of rape windd not hang. Hinw long would the public conscience be at ease with the moral standards involved in that?

As to the claim that it would deter terroists murderes to the defert terroists murderes. them everything they desired—martyrs, publicity, and a greater degree uf approval in their community, without which they could not effectively work. That was his answer to the case for restoring

> The price that would be paid for tts reintroduction was unaccep-table. Ir would even destroy the royal prerogative of mercy because the Home Secretary would be under rompulsion to allow execu-

capital punishment.

was the ablding characteristic of the fanatic mind. Destruction did not perturb them.

The British executed some of the teaders of the Easter Rebeltion and much good it did them. It saved nof a life and cost thousands. (Labour cheers.)

The House could not afford to overlook the hostage issue. In a disgraceful interview given by D'Conaeli he had threatened that for every convicted IRA terrorist hanged they would hang two British soldiers. He jMr Welden would release no murderer to save any hostages.

There was no reason to think the any hostages. which mose poinces are ...
There was no reason to think the less. (Loud Labour cheers.)

lo wish to kill but duty to protect people

S JILL KNIGHT | Birming-Edghaston, G), moved as an dment: "That this House is opinion that death should be enalty for acts of terrorism ig death and calls upon the nment to introduce at an date legislation to enable ment to give effect to that

sald that they were discusshe death penalty and not ig for terrorists and not for murders. There was a crucial murders. There was a critical gate between murder by indisagainst individuels for primotives and murder by an ed and organized army the state in the person of scales civilian or civilians appeared by charge re he in appened by chance to be in ven spot et any given dine, le were not ordinary killers, IPs could not treat them as They declared war on the y and planned and carried hiscriminate murder on inno-armless, law-abiding and unpeople. Everyone in the as a possible target solely

quished used kid gloves. Their aim was to defeat Britain and unless everyone else suffened their resolve, they would succeed.

She was not interested in geance. [Conservative cheers.] She and other MPs were asking the House to enact the death penalty for terrorist murders because they were convinced that it would deter and save the lives of Innocent peo-

She had no wish to kill anyone, hut she had a duty to act in such a way as would protect people. It was the first duty of any Government to protect any citizens, but when teenagers were blown to bits over an evening pint, the fact musc be faced that Parkamenr was failing in its duty.

There were some terrorists who were prepared to die for their

were were some terrorists who were prepared to die for their cause, but the bully and the unstable who were being taken into the IRA to act as killera would he deterred. The paranoid fananc who would not be deterred was a rare hard. Perhams the man who with the e they stood on British soil.
e were not ordinary killers
yy could not be deat with in
inary way. To them, appearepresented surrender. To

The threat of imprisonment did demncracy, and MPs wece supthey should give in to threats by an IRA spokesman? When that was done everyone would be conceding that the IRA would win, and she would not do that.

If a referendum was taken in Britain now, or in six munths, on this issue, the overwhelming number of people would want capl-tal punishment restored, [Labour shnuts of "So what".) Labour MPs (she said) say "so

what ". They are from the party which says there ought to be a referendum on the question of the Common Market. | Conservative cheers.) She had received more than

She had received more than 8,000 letters and signatures from people demanding the death penalty for terrorist killings. She had received IIS tetters expressing the opposite view. The 8,000 people did not want vengeance, they wanted justice. There had not been one word

from Mr Walden of a further. This was supposed to be a

not deter. To be a guest of her Majesty was not attogether impicasant these days. [Lahour protest...] likely to take the law into their they should give in to threats by an already well aware that they would he the first to suffer if there was a backlash. She was not being alarm-ist, it happened after the Birmingham massacre.

People wanted tu know why the Birmingham bombers were not charged with treason, for which the punishment was death. the punishment was death.

It seems probable | she said | thar these men were gulity of rreason. | Labour protests. | They have been apprehended and it seems likely. | Renewed protests. | It is astonishing that Labour MPs bave so little faith in the police; they believe they bave the wrong men. (Renewed protests.)

Why was the charge of treason not made? Was it because the Home Secretary knew the prescribed punishment would be death? If so, he was rewriting the laws of England co suit his own

The SPEAKER—I would ask Mrs Kulghe not to refee to a particular case before the courts. (Lond cheers.)

They are not: they are louts-they

eath penalty would demonstrate will to win

ere Port, Lab) said there 1 evidence capital 'punishas a deterrent, and it was cely to be so in the case of ts. Its use would lead to a use of violence and strengthen the IRA, If an errorist was hanged, there be a wave of bombings the

which they had not seen. (KEITH JOSEPH, Opposition man on home affairs (Leeds, East, C), said he bad been t capital punishment for r because most murders inpremeditated, and that was posidon. Terrorism was at: there was no question of Terrorists equipped them-

efore for today his apollviews did 'not apply. Nor was there any question of se execution should be carut—whether by hanging g or whatever. It was r capital punishment for

t murders was in the public vill has now to be exercised or in England. The legiteaction to murder by ter-is that the life of the rer-should be forfelt. Only then state assert its resolve to

I protect its citizens. e the death penalty would er all, but it would deter ir would demonstrate the l determination to win ln a ncb could not, under the ints which operated now, be d otherwise. The deterrent essary end the assertion of nation was necessary. should not shrink from the onceivable deterrent the a the grounds that it might the terrorists to reprisals.

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Britain. But because the f his conclusions led bim the amendment, he would r it, snbject to what the Secretary said, but would e for a Bill which included MIGHAEL STEWART

ersmith, Fulham; Lah) sald of examples in history of which were disgusding and public, but had become us hecanse the rriminal lirially put to death. The tirularly of the state tirularly the case where it

ormers.

'e introduce the death specifically for terrorism li are we likely to get more tion ur less? It is on this rangeal level that we have

terrorism was a hydra-headed monster. Do not imagine the said) that because we have caught a terrorist and killed him that that will reduce the number of people coming forward to rommit such

acts.

It is equally probable that the fact that you have killed him will exalt the dread profession of terrorism from the disgusing thing it is into an occupation that men might feel it was bonourable to perform. perform.

MR HOOSON (Montgomery-shire, L) said none of them in the weekend following the Birmingham bombings could easily resist the feeling that justice ought to be meted out to those who had caused death. It was a deep seated human feeling that there ought to he retribution—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. This was a perfectly

the debates be bad beard, dressing up the argument and calling it "deterrent" or "justice" when really they were giving vent to a deep seared human feeling which was understandable and which they all felt to s greater or lesser

ing that the death penalty would be a deterrent to rerrorists? Most terrorists were young; they had been branwashed in a variety of

In the course of his legal career he had appeared for people, admittedly very few, who actually feit themselves to be deprived when the death penatty was no longer there, who actually loved the macabre side of it, and who wanted to continue to be the centre of a drama.

MR ABSE | Pontypool, Lah) said if the House accepted the amendment they rouid be creating the conditions where the young of Northern Iretand embrared the gallows with the same passion as their grandparents more happly embraced the Crucifixion. | Conservative protests. | A return to state vative protests.) A return to state strangulation would be a victory

not a defeat for the IRA.

The IRA wanted a world audience as they staged their psychopathic meatre. Voting for a hanging resolution would be booking a reserved ticket for these obscene dramas. The answer to the IRA was not hanging, but policies that would make them irrelevant.

that would make them Irrelevant.

LORD JAMES DOUGLASHAMILTON (Edinburgh, West,
Cl. in a maiden speech, said that
virtory over the IRA and vengeance might not necessarity be
the same thing. It might be possible that the two were to conflict.
However natural tt might be to
demand a return to the old law nf
an eye for an eye, surely those
instincts should not be allowed to
make a victory over the terrorists make a victory over the terrorists

Grave consequences

paths who form the present ter-rorist squads indge that their own unaided talents will not provide a place for them in history, so why should we rush to provide them

serve a sentence of imprisonment for much of the rest of his life without favours as a so-called political prisoner, and without amnesty. That alternative must also meao very, very long sen-

orrh this problem.

death penalty was an invitation for those who terrorism to get the arts out by people who were the duty of MPs the put that the balance against the danger of the terrorism to get the arts out by people who were trgument said if you hanged rist you stopped him rom-

MR. WHITEHEAD (Oerby, North, Lab) sald that with capital punishment the spotlight went to the murderer and away from the victims. When a person was in the death cell, other factors started to apply and public opinion was fickle. Such people should be given the anoniminity of a real life sentence and not the glury of the

the death penalty.

political opinion and were pre-pared to murder to destroy the state. In such circumstances the state was emitted to say: "If you did this, you too will die". Green, C) said people in Birmingham felt that acts of war deserved the extreme penalty. It was necessary to support the introduction of capital punishment as proof of the state's right and determination to defend itself and its people against acts of war.

MR STODOART (Swindon, Lab) said acts of terrorism were not acts of war. To say that was to glorify the Birmingham bombings.

If these are acts of war (be said) we are saying that the people who have pepetrated them are soldiers.

are scum. Furthermore, we do not execute prisoners of war. MR MATHER (Esher, G) said the only way to win this hartle of wills was to persuade the terrorists that their defeat was inevitable. Parliament stood before the court of the country. If there was another outrage the backlash which the Home Secretary feared might become a ceality. People might begin to take the law into their own hands. How long could Parliament continue to fly in the face of public opinion?

MR CHARLES IRVING (Cheltenbam, C) said if total retribution was to be the policy against the iRA, had they really got the gurs to go through with it? Such a decision would hring appalling perils for the community and for law and order itself. Carrying our exerutions might prove politically impossible, even for the most determined government. MR LITTERICK (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab) said that a proc-lamation which he had in his hands said that the Roman Gatholic Church must be declared an illegal organization and all Roman Catholic centres of education must be closed. This was issued by a religious organization in Ireland. He found this kind of document

shocking to the point at which his insides heaved. MR FITT |Belfast, West, SDLP) said at the moment the IRA were on the run. Cathnics and Protes-tants in Northern Ireland were standing beck and defeating them. This would be a continuing pra-

If the House were to support the restoration of capital punishment (he sald) this would be the biggest disaster not only in this House, but in the United Kingdom.

In Northern Ireland there was a great emotional value of IRA funerals. Martyrdom was coming to an end in Northern Ireland and storing the death penalty would giving the IRA armoury they did not have at present. SIR FREOERIG BENNETT

Torbey, G) said as there was no possibility that the Government would jovoke the taw of treason, he would support the amendment. MR SPRIGGS (St Helens, Lab) said few people wanted revenge.
Commonsense was needed to end
the attitude of those who would
hold on to a part of Ireland as a
rolony rather than give the trish a
political settlement and the right

to govern themselves. StR NIGEL FtSHER (Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton, G) said that those who advocared capital punishment were over-reacting to the horrifying bombs in Birming-bam and Guildford. They had not demanded the death penalty for the bombs in Belfast week alter week for the past five years.

MR PERCIVAL (Snuthport, C) said they were engaged in a war of wills. They were dealing with attacks on their integrity of sn indescribably cowardly, evil and cruel nature. The purpose was to break their

spirit and impose upon them obligations for fear of the consereservations be must vote for the ations for lear or the consequences. That woold degrade them individually and rullertively and made them a great deal less than the free men they had been for so Anything they did to resist these

people was likely to result in the loss of life in the short run. The one way to combat terrorists was to ronvince them that the House would not be intimidated. They only began to do that they only began to no mat when, with the full acceptance of the risk to people, they made the IRA believe that MPs and the people had the spirit, the will, and the determination to beat them.

House of Commons Today at 2.30: General Rate Sill, remaining stages, Motions on Rale Support Grani Orders. Melions on Appropriation them in the Committee of Motions on Appropriation of Committee of Commit

Mr Jenkins rules out any amnesty for cold-blooded bombers

MR ROY JENKINS, Home Secretary Birmingham, Sreehford, Lab), said since the Tower of London explosion in July he had tried to reappraise his attitude to capital punishment. To do that he had tried to set aside the main arguments which influenced him in preterrorist days.

I helieve, after the most careful reflection, that the reintroduction of the death penalty, whether for acts of terrorism alone, whether for the United Kingdom, as a whole or in Great Britain alone, would not merely secure no improvement, but would in all likelihood make matters worse.

It would lead to a still greater threar of violence that would otherwise exist. It would mean warrants of death and no warrants of safety for innocent and, as yer, unidentified persons.

I helieve the said that of all classes of killers dedicated for

I helieve the said; that of all classes of killers, dedicated ter-rorists are the least likely to be deterred by the threat of execu-tion. They have not been deterred by the killing and counter-killing in Northern freland.

It might be argued that Northern trelann was an income of the Britain, and a hor death in the streets was different from a cold death on the scaffold. is it suggested the said) that we should restore capital punishment for Grear Britain and not for Northern Iretand? That would

seem to be an extraordinary prop-osition, (Cheers,) I am the said) totally without a shred of sympathy for those who perpetrate outrages such as we have seen, I suppose I have seen them more than almost member of this House, I have no desire to preserve the lives of those who perpetrate such horrible acts but I have a desire when dealing with an enemy not wo play into his hands. (Labour cheers.)

I am as convinced as I can be that were this House to york live. that were this House to vote lur the amendment it would be regarded not as a defeat or a deterrent by the IRA but as a victory. [Labour charts and Gonservative interruptions.) Ler us piay uo part in giving them such a

You cannot the said; hang landladies, mothers who shelter their sons, or women who shelter their husbands. (Conservative intecruptions.) You would have a total revulsion of feeling.

revulsion of feeling.

Due of the essential battles in this fight against terrurism, in which the police are doing very well, is to prevent any significant part of the Irish community wishing to give cover to terrorists and, Indeed, to encourage them to help flush them out. That battle is going well at the moment. It would go iess well if the death penalty were returned. There would be more temptation to cover up.

The Secretary of State for Northern Iceland | Mr Merlyn Rees) was in no doubt that there was no place, either in principle or in practice, for capital punishment in Northern Ireland.

There was also the statement

Northern Ireland.

There was also the statement mane by Mr William Whitelaw, the former Secretary of State. A maner retentionist he had moved the aboliting of the death penalty in Northern Ireland.

MR WHITELAW (Penrith and The Border, C) said it would be wrong if he did not tell the House what his position was at present. To leave anyone in any doubt would be enticely wrong. He, like other MPs, had considered carefully the new position. He, had thought deeply about public thought deeply about public opinion and had concluded that he would wish to stand by the views he had expressed then. (Labour In that he knew the then Prime Minister (Mr Heath) concurred.

MR ROY JENKINS, Home Secretary Birmingham, Sreehford, ab), said since the Tower of London explosion in July he had tried o reappraise his attitude to capital MR JENKINS said he saluted Mr Whitelaw's courage and forthright-

The Commissioner of Police for The Commissioner of Police for the Metropolts had rightly and cau-riously said that there was no col-tective pulice view on capitat punishment and that no one could punishment and that no one could properly purport to express one. But he had also said that of the six most senior officers of the Metropolitan Police, five were opposed to the return of capital punishment. The five included the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners of the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners of the Crime and Operations. All were long serving nonarions). All were tong serving pro-fessional policemen with extensive practical experience. The senior operational detective was of the

same view.

The Commissioner had been greatly influenced by his own view on effective deterrents. Those he regarded as the likelihood of detection followed. regarded so the inclination of detec-riun followed by, for the guilty, the certainty of conviction. The Commissioner thought that that process would be weakened by capital punishment.

The Commissioner thought the

The Commissioner thought the majority verdicts would have to go. As the authority of majority verdicts which were carried through the House with considerable apposition. He take Jenkinst agreed. Once they began to say a verdict was not good enough for one form of offence and punishment, it became difficult to delend it for others as well. it for others as well.

The Commissioner also believed. majority verdicts apart, that juries would in general be more hesitant

to convict for the capital sentence.

He agreed with the Commissioner. the deterrent effect of a long undramatic prison sentence.

SIR K, JGSEPH—The IRA do
not believe they will be left in
prison foc long. There is no effective deterrence in the present system at the moment because of the
helieve in a poliocal bargain.

MR JENKINS—Let no one

helieve there is no real deterrence io a long undramade prison sentence. Some Dpposition MPs, by pressing the view, which I believe to be wholly false, that terrorists will ger out of prison in a short the base does great damage. Let me, have done great damage. Let no one be in any doubt that in my view, and no Home Secretary can hind his successor, there is no prospect of amnesdes for those who lave committed cold-blootled and indiscriminate mynder or and indiscriminate morder or

mainings in this country.

He did not discount the doubts
and fears of those who hesitated against going against what appeared to be the wishes of their constituents. He did not dismiss that as cowardice or mere popu-larity seeking. Nonetheless it would be wrong to take a decision on that basis. For those convinced of the value

for times convinced of the value of the death penalty there was no problem. For others it might be reasonable to vote in accordance with outside views if they were convinced that banging, even if it did not do any good, could at least do no harm. But that was not the do no harm. But that was not me position.

It is my view (he said) and nearly everybody who has had high responsibility in dealing with this new and horrible challedge that the potentiality for greater violence is formidable. Nothing we can do will guarantee us complete after whatever course we take. It is likely there will be some further on which the British Prime Minis-

was agreed to.

Summit outcome should make it easier for UK to remain in Community

DR GARRET FITZGERALO. Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ireland, giving his report on the summit conference, spoke of his hopes that there would be a positive response when rould be a positive response when the results of the renegotiations were pur to the Bridish people.

There was a positive approach the said) to the questions posed by the British Government. The atmosphere, discussion and the outcome have given encourage-ment to all of us who are con-cerned that we should remain a Community of Nine, and that the United Kingdom will find it easy to maintain its membership.

United Kingdom will find it easy to maintain its membership.

It was not a bad package to have emerged from e meeting which many of the ministers felt might turn our to be a dump squib.

One of the important decisions was that the heads of Government will meet three dues a wear warr would meet three fines a year, and, whenever necessary, in the Council of the Communities and in the context of political cooperanon. This would secure a stronger momentum to the work of the Community and bring the countries into closer cooperation on economic affairs.

He was glad what the first of these meetings would take place in

Dublin early next year when there would be a review of the economic situation. Although there had been divergent diagnoses of the problems facing the Community, he was deeply encouraged by the unanimity shown at the summit. For the first time for many months, he felt there was hope of avoiding a serious economic crisis and he was encouraged by the undertakings given by The Notherlands and Germany that these governments would take the necessary reflationary action to estimate. reflationary action to stimulate public end private investment which at the moment was so badly needed.

With two reservations, there was a decision that elections by universal suffrage to the European Par-liament should be achieved as soon as possible. I Cheers.) The heads of Government had in mind that the Parliament would be debating proposals for this, framed by Mr
Patijn, in the new year hut it was
intimated that the Council of
Ministers would wish to act in
1976. Mr Patijn proposed that
direct elections should be held by

The Council of Ministers (he went on) in one of its rare moments of moving ahead of the Parliament in these matters have in fact sald that these elections by direct suffrage should take place at any time In or after 1978. (Cheers.)

MR PATIJN INetherlands, Soc)

—I will change my report. change my report. (Cbeers.)

(Cbeers.)

MR FITZGERALD—I am glad that has been offered by the author of the report. (Laughter.)
In connexion with the question of lucreasing the powers of Pacliament, In our discussions there was a clear recognition by the heads of Government of the undestrability, even the imprarticability, of having direct elections for a Parliament which had inadequate powers. (Cheers.) The relationship between the powers of Pacliament and direct elections was recognized.

The amendment was rejected by 369 votes to 217—majority against the amendment, 152. The motion was pointed out to him that in the accession negotiations it was made clear that "If inequitable was agreed to." situations were to arise, the very

file of the Community would make it imperative for the institutions to agreed that the Commission should set up a mechanism which would have general application setting out the objective criteria which would be taken into account when such occasions aruse, noting the particular suggestions made by the British Government.

British Government.

We believe (he seid) this could provide the basis for an important development which could help considerably to resolve soon the problems posed for the rest of us by the uncertainty of Britain's membership of the community. M SPENALE (France, Soc) said that his group hoped the summit

had set things moving. M DURIEUX (France, L) said the summit had at last given a fresh imports to the Community. MR PETER KIRK IUK, Saffron Walden, C) said that there was a vicious circle concerning the powers of Parliament and direct etecoons to it.
We are told that you cannot have powers unless you have reprasentative functions (he said) and that we cannot have representative powers unless we have those func-

MR LENIHAN (Ireland, DEP) welcomed the communique on the summit as evidence of a will for political union.

M ANSART (France, Comm) asked how the problem of general unemployment was to be solved. SIR RADOUX (Relgium, Soc) said that there could be no Community without the United Kingdom. The socialists had never wanted a Community without the United Kingdom, and if his interpretation of the words of the compretation of the words of the com-muniqué on this, that they seemed to have been making a few steps towards each other, was correct, then the socialists were satisfied with what bad happened at the

summit. DR FIZGERALD, replying, said that the contrast between Paris and the previous summit at Gopenhagen left him in a relatively optimistic humour. We have made modest but significant progress (he said) in a wider erea then many annicipated. We are in a position to build on that and we have a lot of huilding to do before we create Europe.

There had been a clear consciousness at the summit on the viciousness of the circle to which Mr Kirk had referred, Both powers and election would bave to be instituted at the same time. M FRANCOIS-XAVIER ORTOLL

resident of the Commission, said that for the first time there had been sectous discussion at the summit on election of MPs by direct universal suffrage.

It is obvious to me as it must be a vou the said that we want to you the said) that we want Great Britain with us in the in-terests of the Community.

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If our problems are to be overcome (the said) both must be doited at once.

On the question of Britain's continued membership, the meening had a ctear statement of the basis on which the British Prime Minis-LORD GLADWYN (United Kingact to link these two matters for

mally.

The dehate concluded, but it was decided to debate the results of the summit again at the next meeting,

Problems of

Desperate need for transplant

kidneys MR DALYELL (West Lothian

MR DALYELL (West Lothian, Lab) was given leave to hring in a Blli to allow hospitals to take the organs, surh as kidneys, of any padent, nnce clinical death had been established, other than those of a deceased person who had contracted out during his lifetime by registering, on a rentral computer, his desire not to donate organs. He said it was the fifth time since 1971 thar be had sought leave to introduce the Bill. The Bill was prompted by the fact that 450 kidneys were being transplanted earh year in the United Kingdom whereas 2,000 people or more needed transplants. For want of matching fissue severat transplantation centres had virtually ceased work and there was not s single work and there was not a single unit in the United Kingdom working to full capacity or anything like it. The most important factor was the attitude of most of the medical

profession bur it was all too easy to start blaming the doctors. The srgument behind the Bill was that if the doctors saw the law in a different light and it was altered in the direction of contracting out, they would be less uneasy about making organs available.

As things stood, the doctor or surgeon had to contact the next of kin ar the time of maximum gricf and put the awful question: "Can we have the organs of your loved one?" But If the question was delayed the organ deteriorated and became less useful to someoue in oeed and after an bour a kidney hecame useiess.

In a contracting our situation as envisaged by the Bill, a telephone call to the computer in Bristol rould determine whether a virbin during his lifetime had contracted out. Delay and deterioration of organs could be cut to a minimum. All transplant surgeons could circ rases where relatives at first refused and then changed their minds when It was too late. The

present system discouraged even the most public spirited. It was distressing for the relatives, diffirult for the doctors, and stopped life being saved. Despite the issue of donor cards. few kidneys bad been taken from donors or potential donors carry-ing cards. He bad never had any great hope of the donor card system in the first place.

The Bill, if acceptable to the House, would make clear that before any organ could be removed either clinical death or brain damage would have to be certified by two doctors neither of whom would be a member of the transplant team.

Let us the said) put ourselves in the position of having s rivid or teenager who is going to die in the absence of matching tissue. Would not every one of us a superent be desperate to find matching tissue for a child of ours?

The Bill was read a first time. plant team.

Constraints on spending

толеу. LDRD CHAMPIDN |Lab) said

that as a former signalman he dep-lored the action of a small group of signalmen which was causing so much difficulty end distress to so many people who hed to rely on rall transport to get to and from work

for the Environment, said that to did try at a time of severe economic exam

difficulties to remedy alt the neg-lect of years would be wrong and would have unacreptable effects on other public expenditure pro-grammes equally or more desir-

grammes equally or more desirable.

We shall be discussing ptens with British Rail (she said) in the light of the forthcoming expenditure and their rorporate plan hut British Rail cannot expect to be exempt from the constraints which apply to all other public expenditure.

Dniy rail could handle the heav-Dmy rail could handle the heaviest commuter traffic so a rontinuing programme of improvements on Southern Region was needed. So were new schemes in other major urban areas.

There were no firm proposals for new electrification schemes hut they knew the board had plans for more electrification. These would be considered when submitted in the context of current economic

the context of current economic circumstances.

It was true that many stations were grim and grubby. Do the other hand, there were some extremely clean and good stations. There hed been new buildings in many areas and the service was not always as bad and the punctuality did not descend uniformly to examples picked out.

Floodlight ban would be austere

The EARL of PERTH | Cl asked what was the annual cost of flood-lighting the Houses of Parliament and the GLC building.

LORD MELCHETT—The Gov. LDRD MELCHETT, a Lord in

Waiting.—The annual cost in respect of the Pulace of Westminster is estimated to be £2,270. I am unable to supply the information in respect of the Greater London Council for which the Government are not responsible. The EARL of PERTH—While manking bim for a partially iltu-

minating reply—(laughter)— because in their view this would assuming that the GLC cost is at make life unnecessarily austereleast as much the total cost of The whole energy situation will be floodlighting in London alone must watched closely. If more severe be of the order of £250,000 or measures are required the Govern-Unless the Government and GLC set an example it is bardly them.

LORD MELCHETT—The Goy-ernment do all they ran to con-serve electricity. Measures have already been taken by using high pressure sodium lamps in lighong the Palace of Westminster which have dramatically cut the rost and the amount of power consumed.

The Government have decided not ro ban the floodlighting of buildings and statues at this time measures are required the Govern-menc will not hesitate to take

a vote late in the night LADY LLEWELYN-DAVIES of

HASTDE, Captain, Gentleman-at-Acms, and Government Chief Acms, and Government Chief Whip, announced that tomorrow I Thursdavi in the debate on Lord Hunt's motion on capital punishment and terrorism, the tist of speakers had grown long, and if there should he a vote it would take place probably in the early hours of the morning, the had heen suggested that this would not be in the best interests of the House or of this important subject.

There had heen talks about the There had been talks about the difficulties involved and Lord Hunr nad agreed that the best solution might be to move his motion in a different furm. He now proposed to introduce a motion calling for papers in these words: "To rall papers in these words: "To rall attention to capital punishment as a means of combaning terrorism".

LORD PLATT-Does that mean no vote will be taken? LAOY LLEWELYN-DAVIES-LDRD PLATT-We will not know the view of the House. LADY LLEWELYN-DAVIES-Some 37 or 40 peers will be making their views well known. The country will be well aware of the views of the House. LDRD PANNELL |Leb)—The position of the House will be deri-

sory if the Commons has taken a vore and we do not. LADY LLEWELYN-DAVIES-1 do not accept that. What might be derisory would be if a small and unrepresentative vote should be taken in the early hours of the

LORD CARRINGTON (C)-If any peer wishes a division it is proper and right that he could put down an amendment on which true that peers can divide whether a debate has ended or not, if the House so wishes. LADY LLEWELYN-DAVIES-That is true.

Dr Kissinger best hope in Middle East

LORD CHELWOOD (C), opening a debate on the growing need for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, said the European Community could have much more Influence than was realized if an initiative were taken. Both sides in the Middle East rould have security and national debate. ity and national identity. That was the only basis for peace, and the Government, with the United States and the Community, should

try to ensure this.

LORD SAINSBURY (Lab) said there could be no just and latting peace in the Middle East without appreciation of the fears of the Israelis that they were being sacrificed on the alter of oil.

he feared most the Middle Fast money weapon. Britain needed long-term investment. The Governthe energy producees. LORO FISHER of CAMDEN,

President of the Board of Oeputies of British Jews in Britain, in a maiden speech, said it was for the side engaging in terrorism to give it up. In the eyes of impartial observers, Jecusalem had never been so well cared for.

LORD GORDNWY-ROBERTS, Under Secretary for Foreign and Commoowealth Affairs, said while

The EARL of GOWRIE (C) said the feared most the Middle Fast money weapon. Britain needed long-term investment. The Government rry to help to forge a common European policy towards the conditions and specific should not cut across the continuing American attempt. The hest lope was Dr Kizsinger's tireless and skilful diplomacy. We are still ready (he said) to

lend a hand if the pacties wish it but it would not help to move into an area where one or other of the parties might resent what they considered to he an intrusion. Britain had not acquiesed in the eranting of observer status to the PLO. She had voted against

PLO. She had voted against observer status for the organiz-

House adjourned, 9.54 pm.

Priorist crime experienced in combating m said a valuable weapon

valid argument, an argument which at different stages of history many people had felt compelled to arcept. But it was an argument must be rejected in the modern state. Many people who supported the death penalty did so not only in this debate but had done so in all the debates be bad beard, dressing

What reason bad they for think-

ways and if they were captured the transformation in their minds whereby they became ready for martyrdom was one that was easily made.
In the course of his legal career

not a defeat for the IRA.

harder.

I fear (he said) that the psycbo-

SIR GEDFFREY OF FREITAS (Kettering, Lab) said if there was any evidence that capital punishing any evidence that capital evidence that evidence that capital evidence that evidence the capital evidence that ev nt was a deterrent theo it would

He accepted that in the sbort term the re-introduction of the death penalty would have grave consequences. There would be bostages and assassinations but if they held face they would not often be repeated. repeated. This was war. Unless and until this country and other countries proved they had the will to defend

rhemselves to the death, terrible as it might be, their state and their people would remain at the mercy of international terrorism.

MR GARTER (Birmingham, Northfield, Lab) sald today's question was about how they as a society reacted to what could he a mere prelude to a period of great traums. If they were to over-react with a policy of violence to meet violence they would for the dura-tion of their troubles set them-selves on a course from which there was no turning.

MR CHARLES IRVING (Chel-

Social rejects Social rejects

MR RAYMDND FLETCHER
Illkeston, Lab) said rhe acts of
terrorism they were talking about
had no political objective. What
could be the objective of the IRA
except to stick a flag on the ruins
of Belfast and Dublin?

There was no ideology, there
was no straregy. It was terrorism
for terroism's sake hy degraded
individuals who had found a satisfying way of taking their revenge
on a society in which they had not
been shle to make their way. Most
of them were social rejects.

of them were social rejects.
Hanging a terrorists could have little effect in deterring other fei-

ititle effect in deterring other feliow terrorists. The most recent equivalent of this type of person was the Kamikaze pilot in the closting weeks of the last war.

SIR DEREK WALKER-SMITH least Hertfordshire, Cj said it was possible to disflaguish terrorist murders from the generality.

The circumstances attending me abolition of the death penalty in the 1960s were not paralleled in the circumstances of today. Society must equip itself with the defences at its command in the hope that the need for them would be timited and in the knowledge that their application would be in the spirit of the rule of law rarried out not in the spirit of vengeance but in the defence and for the protectinn and survival of a free and fair society. (Cheers.)

society. (Cheers.) MR CRAIG (Belfast, East, UUUC) said there was a good case for a special code of lew dealing with crimes arising out of terrorism and a central court for
dealing with them.

Those from Ulster could nor support the death penalty in the
absence of trial by jury, and he
would find it difficult to accept a
majority decision for capital
punishment. But despite all his
acceptance of the must vote for the with crimes arising out of ter-

amendment.

MR HOYLE [Nelson and Colne, Lab) said that hanging would not deter terrorists. They risked their lives when they Planted their MR BANKS (Harrogate, C) sald there was a growing anxiety about what was happening in England as well as Northern Ireland. For the well as Normera treland. For the first time, ordinary people were fearing for their safety.

Life imprisonment often meant only 10 tn 15 years imprisonment and this was not a deterrent to many people. They needed to combat, terrorist artivity by restoring the death penalty.

Parliamentary Notices House of Lords
Today at 3.0: Detate on casimi on ment.

by British Rail House of Lords

The Bishops of Worcester and

Oxford were introdured.

LORD SOMERS (Ind), opening a debate on the future of the railways, said they were the best means of transport and hy far the safest. The public musr be enrouraged in use them. Passengers mostly wanted comfort and a sense of being looked after, but the two London termin he used, Waterloo and Victorie, were woefully lacking in this respect. Neither had a waiting room.

He bad been foolish eoough the other night to ask for a cup of coffee in a cafeteria by Platform Nine at Victoria. He did not know what it was made of, but it tasted like yesterday's washing up water. And it had cost 11p—2s 2d in old morey.

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with matching mop cap, the first consignment of these sold out but 300 more will be ready by the end o fihls week for The Timas readers—after which no more before Christmas. Who, I asked boys them? Older people boy them for the young, young people buy them for parents and grand-parents end for each other. Obviously the in thing in nightweer for either novelty or nostelgia. Buy by mail or personally from Bedlem, 811 Fulbam Roed, London S.W.6. Telephone 01-736 1452 lor deleils about these end like beds stocked at this shop; or 01-731 2595 for the answering service that tells you strictly about nightshirts. The shop is at the corner of Mimosa Street. First-cless postage would cost 38p. Photograph by Poler Laver



 Nylon bracelets and rings are novel and inexpensive accessories for this winter's flowing, draped dresses and blouses. Strong and pliable, they are made in 12 graduated colours and look best worn so that they shade from light to dark or back again. The spectrum includes greys, blues, rusts, yellows, cinnamons (these look much more expensive than they are), purples, heathers, bottle or olive greens, reds, pale or dark browns and so on-your choice is from 276 bracelets on a neat counter unit which makes choosing easy. Rings match and look well worn in numbers on several fingers. Buy them for 37p each bracelet and 12p each ring in three sizes only from Bentalls of Kingston, Ealing, Worthing and Bracknell or from Mary Lec of Tunbridge Wells. By post from Bentalls of Kingston-upon-Thames KT1 1TX -add 9p for up to 6 bangles.

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● Ellisdons are still selling jokes and megic tricks, as they have been since before I was born. The catalogue is still full of horrors like a third eye, bruised thumh, an axe through the head, horrid spider, monster teeth, metches that refuse to light, Jimmy Durante noses, and various paper hats or carnival novelties. A Christmas card tree holds up to 100 cards, stands 21st high, and costs 75p (store it for next year). The catalogue costs 10p (or 10p in stamps) from Ellisdons, PO Box 52, Dallas Road, Bedford, England. Everything is by



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taxi-hailar, thiaf-scarer, summonar ol children, husbands, lovers or anyone else. I believe it might also coma io useful for booling. Il costs £2.45 with up to 20 engravad lettars and ia sold in a little box containing a brief

history of the Boetswain'e Call and how to pipe it. The mail order address is Nautical Antiques,

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• Thelma Russell runs e little business called Knots and her products are bracelets, collars, necklaces and long chokers made of natural materials like coloured string, knotted and larded with beads of wood, glass, ceramics, etc. She does occasionally use rayon and one type of plastic bead that she considers to be of good quality and she also makes belts, basically for the young but there are plenty of older women who like what she does. Her ready-made pieces are from around 35p or 45p for narrow ropes of knots and beads, going up to 70p with tasselled pend-ants and either wooden or ceramic beads. Bracelets can match or contrast and pendants on leather thongs are entirely unisex. Really beavy cord belts, about 21in wide, lastened with plaited tassels are good

£3.30 according to size. Miss Russell undertakes special, persocal projects for people with unused beads (probably about £3). She charges 5p postage for jewelry and 10p for belts, refunding any excess if the postage proves less. Her work is attractive, uousual, and roexpensive — 1 like some chokers of metallic threads with second-haod beads. Sine

with simple, long hostess dresses and are either £3 or



has an illustrated learners hut will send a descriptive price list and is ready to describe anything by telephone. The number is 0642 613574 and the address is Knots, 116 (Back) Mandale Road, Thorn-

day to take messages. The drawing gives some idea of how she endows inexpensive, natural-materials with style—her prices are an oasis in a desert of, costly items and her work fast. She needs to have all orders' by next Monday (16th) to be. aby, Cleveland County. Thelma She needs to have all orders herself is best found between 5.30 and 6.30 pm, but there is sure of finishing for Christmas.

■ Fleet Street iospired another game from Geminikits. Less a game, really, than a child's project. Already their "Make your own Books" and the counterparts for making magazioes and comic strlps are runaway Successes— well, the shortage of magazines during the past year as a result of in-dustrial action could have

Now inspired by Fleer Now inspired by Fleer Street's last strike, and while we are on the brink of mnre discussing comes "Make your own Newspagers". Like other Geminikits, this was designed by a former jour-oalist and it dues give children plenty of scope for fun and imagination. They have the news pictures, headlines, hints on layout, cartooos and all, together with an illustrated history of newspapers. Each Geminikit

Smiths, and most good hookshops, toyshops and department stures. Basic-ally for seven to 14-year-olds, Another bright idea from the form is the from this tirm is the Playmake Pupper (also seven to 14 years). A Puppet Geminibook con-laios two, easily made large models already cut and scored ro press out, together with tough, self-adhesive material ro re-toforce joints of the finished puppet. 1 do

costs £1.08 through W. R.

recommend these—they look dramatic yer cust fittle and do not fall apart repully. They cust 85p each heak from the same stockists as Geniral-kits, or you can hay by direct mail from The Children's Book Centre, Lirtle Mead, Alfold Road, Cranleigh, Surrey GUS 8NU (add 20p nostage for one or two items plus 10p per additional item). Genioiscao is at 40. Gray's Inu Road, London-WCI.



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The bedside Central Asia

To the Back of Beyond By Fitzroy Maclean (Cape, 54.50)

While my mind is oot closed to the argument that lines of latitude do properly run sideways, so 10 speak, instead of up and down as I think they should. I am irrevocably com-Outer and Inner Mongolia are the wrong way round. The latter prejudice, though, more cultural than semantic. What is Inner to me is Outer to the Chinese, and it is because I secretly think, in my heart of hearts, that the centre of the world is Oxford that I personally decline to recognize the credentials of the Ambassador from Ulan Bator. Sir Fitzroy Maclean, the author of this book, is more broadminded. He may call Central Asia the back of beyond, but he takes it mucb as it cnmes. does not presume to criticize its geography, and is on good terms with most of its big-wigs. dead or alive.

He has written about it before, of course, twice in fact, and this awkwardly sized Cbrismassy sort of volume is largely a deft going-over of nld material. Even some of the pictures come from journeys long ago, which accounts for the impenetrally veiled women whose picture appears shortly

gond is the "Very Old Man in a Turhan" of Bock to Bokhora: 1974's "Samarkand: the rice-seller" is 1959's "Buying and Selling". Never mind, we all do it, and Sir Fitzroy is cheer-fully disarming about his inhis own "more or less innocent amusement? He calls it "an illustrated

need a capacious bag or pocket and immovable, but not unto take it with you to Kazakh- popular. stan. It is really more in the It is a vious works, but that is perhaps hecause Contral Asia itself has lost its macabre mystery. No Khan will now throw you into a well of vermin, if you go to Bokhara: the worst you will hear from the great adventurer bow much he paid for his taxi

to Karakorum. But the history is finc. There. as always. Sir Fitzroy comes gloriously into his own. How he loves the thunder of the hoofs! He bas sold many of these storics before, but they

that Central Asian women are no longer veiled. "The Engraver" of To The Back of Bugond is the "Yery Old Man in a Turhan" of Bock to Bokhora: Wolff, or the unspeakably 1974's "Samarkand: the rice-General Baron Roman Fyodorovich von Ungern-Sternberg, who believed himself to he the God nf War in person, and tried to tentions-he is publishing his create an independent Mongolia mitted to the opinion that new book, he says, chiefly for in the teeth of the Russian revolution. As to the contemporary denouement of it all. Sir Fitzroy is eminently fair about the companion to Central Asia and Soviet hegemony in Central Mongolia", but you would Asia, which he depicts as dull

> essay, part travel, part architectural guide, mostly history.
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> There is no denving that it is a book full of excesses, and since I began with a geographical sophistry, let me end with a tonographical Of all the remarkable facts recorded in To The Bock of Beyond, none startled me more than the facts about Lake Baikal, dispassionately recalled by Sir Fitzroy as he flew over ir 10 Mongolia. Lake Baikal is nut only longer than England, get is an ideological lecture it not only freezes every year from some bore of a com- on the same day, it not only missar. It falls rather flat, to supports 240 different kinds of shrimp ("many of them deli-cious", observes Sir F. knowingly) but it also contains one fifth of all the fresb water in the entire world. Now I would never quibble with that,

> > unofficial Betjeman, best repre-

sented here by a satire on the mindless chat of executives

(Essentially I integrate the cur-

rent export drive And basically I'm viable from ten o'clock till

firel; an angry song about county types (God save me from

the Porkers); a Browningesque exercise about a homosexual

caught for procuring a minor; and a poem about Aldershot

addressed to one Mary Wilson:

Dear Mary.
Yes, it will be bliss
To go with you by train to Diss...

Can our Poet Laureate really be

asking the wife of our Prime Minister to accompany him on a railway trlp to Diss, Norfolk.

for an unspecified purpose? Diss is the Latin for bell, of

course, but that is no excuse.

The poem fusses about whether the romantic pair should travel

first class, for fear of reporters,

The oddest item is a letter

Jan Morris

Poetry

A Nip in the Air By John Betjeman (Murrov. £1.50)

Collected Poems 1929-1974

By James Reeves (Heinemonn, £4) Two years ago, when the runners

for the Laureate Stakes were called over, a well-known firm of bookmakers named Auden as odos-on favourite, with Betjeman at 5-1 against. In response to inquiries the same firm announced, however, that they wanted "nice friendly bets only "-something regretted by all who noticed that their know- disappointingly pallid beside the

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ledge of poetic form was so scratchy. Poets are born, not made, and if any horn noet was ever a born laureatc that creature is John Betjeman, whose talent has always been for occa-sional verse. If any living poer could write a passable set of stanzas on HRH The Prince of Wales dropping in 10 tea at Balmoral by parachute then it would be Betjeman.

The royal occasinns com-memorated in A Nip in the Air are less demanding. There is a "Ballad of the Investiture 1969" (You knelt o boy, you rose o mon./And thus your lonelier life began); there are rhyming couplets about inland waterways (heoren/Serern) declaimed in the presence of the Queen Mother when she reopened a

or second, for socialistic reasons. It ends with a line to make the stuffed owl hoot:

Dear Mary Wilson, this is Diss.

It is all rather splendid and I await the denial from Downing Anita Leslie's beautiful & acclaimed biography James Reeves never ran in the Laureate Stakes. He is a

true poet, and true poets tend not to run in anything, except the memory: Do you too wonder if the finest thing

A promising flower can do Is but to imitate with all its art All other flowers that ever grew? You looking from your window sec the spring
sec the spring
Eoch year perform its leisurely
Long act of memory,
All nature gone into remembering.

What am I to say of this? That is "too reasonable and too truthful"—Yeats's dismiscomment on reading Reeves's first book, from which it comes? Yes, well, Yeats had a point. You can be bored by Reeves's neamess, by his need to make his verse formally watertight. But then there is another Reeves, a Reeves who writes untidy, inspired angry poems that seem too well up from quite a different source. I am thinking of such things as "Greenhallows", which as you read it becomes your own dream; and "The Little dream; and "The Little Brother"; and the four compelling lines which make up a strange poem, "Song":

Suffer these hands, the heart's interpretation.

Because I come to you as one who Not at the minute's nor the mind's Suffer these hands, the haart's

I will say of this only what I would say of the second stanza of "Thoughts and Memories" quoted above—that here surely is the authentic accent of Englisb poetry when it gets heyond personality, or when it salts a man's tongue as plainly as in Clare or Coleridge or Hardy. I hope that his Collectad Poems 1929-1974 brings James Reeves at last to the attention of the wide public. So much the worse for the wide public if it does

Robert Nye



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Detail from the Newborn Child, about 1646-48.

Unearthly, distinctive and sublime

Georges de la Tour By Benedict Nicolson and Christopher Wright (Phoidon, £20)

We know very little about the career and character of the French painter Georges de La Tour (1593-1652) and what little we do know—he seems to have been rather boorish-takes us further from, rather than nearer to, an accounting for his art, which is unearthly, distinc-tive and sublime. That La Tour existed at all

is only evident from the hare thread of documentation recording the legal formalities of a man's existence in provincial Lorraine, but nobody looked at these records until the second half of the nineteenth century. After bis death, his paintings vanished into convents, monasteries and private collections all over France, and took with them much of his own identity. In the present century, 60 years of French, German and English scholarship, recovering more and more "lost" works to reconstruct a plausible oeuvre, culminated in the sensational exhibition at the Orangerie in the Paris two years ago. No one wbo saw that highly concentrated show—the organizers passed only 30 paintings as un-questionably the work of La Tour-will ever forget it. It was a model presentation.

Jacques Thuillier and Pierre

Rosenberg's catalogue was a book in Itself, a mericulous report of the progress of detec-tion to date. What Benedict Nicolson and Christopher Wright, themselves on the Orangerie committee, have now produced is the first full-scale account of La Tour's work in English, together with a cotologue raisonnée of the paintings. The catalogue is writteo by Mr Wright, the four narrative chapters proposing a chronology by Mr Nicholson, who is both scrupulous and playful, dealing gently with established wrongful attribu-Asbmolean Museum to the National Gallery of Canada He passes rather more than 30 paintings as probably genuine autograph works, but reluctantly throws out at least one much admired at the Orangerie, the "St Sebastian " Mr Wright is crisp and not, of course, to be read straight through (as I read him), but Georges da La Tour is a book in which anyone would take a deep and increasing pleasure

ingly beautiful.
La Tour's faces are unforgettable-particularly in the warmly coloured scenes youthful naivety deceived which Mr Nicolson places early in hia career—but many of them derive their character less from

The colour plates are outstand-

ontwardly revealing features (some are almost deadpan) than from the subtle way they are lit.

Mr Nicolson writes of "The
Dream of St Joseph" as if it
were his favourite, showing how
the troubled mine of the carpenter is characterized by the deep shadows thrown by the candle across his sleeping face. The young angel who comes to tell him of Christ's immaculate conception is radiant with the light of truth from the flame, which shines on bim but not on us (his sleeve is in the way). The monumental power of the Magdalen series comes not only from the use of light and dark. but from the way in which La Tour balances the rapt and penitent figures with objects—
a windless flame, a glass of water, a pair of books, a mirror, a skull, a discarded rope of pearls—painted with a sensuous brilliance deliberately withheld from the slightly stylized figures themselves.

The deepest mystery of all is the historical one. The intimacy, assurance and ambiguity of La Tour's work seems to exist outside time. Yet his maturity ran with the unprecedented horrors and devastation of the Thirty Years War. Lorraine was a bardefield, and Luneville was fired, sacked and scourged by pestilence so often in the 1630s that La Tour may well bave lost everything he possessed. One commentator believes that no paintings have survived from earlier than 1638, in which year Luneville was destroyed with particular thoroughness and savagery. There are only three records of his presence in the town between 1637 and 1643, but if he and his bousehold and his paiots fled, where did they go? There are no surviving letters; there is no likeness. Who were his models? To whom did these distinctive, often recurring, faces belong?

There are only two La Tours in this country—at Middles paperback account. A few of his masterpieces bave gone to United States, one is in Stockholm, others are in private European hands. The bulk of them, bowever, remain splen-didly accessible wherever they have been since the dispersals of the Revolutionary and post-Napoleonic years: in the museums of Paris, Albi, Nantes, Rennes, Nancy, Grenoble and Epinal in the Vosges. They cut a wide swathe of light across the land whose people, with their grave, smooth-boned faces and bright, watchful eyes, they illuminate so nimelessly. France is full of La Tour faces, bur it is only now that we can see

Michael Ratcliffe

Man of contradictions

Personal Record 1920-1972 By Gerald Brenan (Cope, £6)

This is the second part of Gerald Brenan's autobiography. Like A Life of One's Own, it is very uneven. He can be excruciatingly redious. The blow-by-blow account of his wbore-

mongering, for example, is as monotonous as a milk-bill. One pint on Thursday, one single cteam on Friday, "I shall be away all next week"—the droplets merge and mingle and the reader nods.

All the boring old arty everpresents, so pleased with themthey think they are, troop in and

selves, so much less good than out of the pages. Aldous is here, Virginia and Leonard are bere, Morgan is bere, so is Ottoline, so are Goldie and Lytton and Carrington. Carrington indeed holds the stage for quite a lot of the time because Mr Brenan bad a long, hot-and-cold loveaffair with her. I am prepared to believe that in her actual person Carrington must bave been fascinating—a siren, a Lorelei, a Helen even. But written about, here as elsewbere, she is a dead bore. Mr Brenan manages to invest them all with a basic triviality which may bave been part of them but which I don't think he intends.

Mr Brenan is a man full of contradictions. There is, for example, the riding-to-hounds, randy, Squire Western-ish side to him which contrasts with his aethenticism, his attempt in early days, buttresed by a sufficient and regular private in-come to write a life of Saint Teresa, and his genuine affection for an admiration of a man like Arthur Waley. An autobiographer ought surely to make some attempt at harmonizing and reconciling such conflicting

Brenan simply makes the state-ments, and leaves his reader to sort them out.

All this said, there still remains mocb to go down on the credit side. Mr Brenan is honest and candid. Forster gives him a copy of A Passaga to Indio. Does he like it? No.

"I have not seen him gives?"

I bave not seen him since." Then he goes on to admit he was wrong. The hook now seems to me a masterly production, conveying all the ambiguines which lie in the Indian mind and their clash with English moral positivism as well as Forstor's own uncertain and enigmatic views about the Universe.

He is also shrewd. He puts his finger unerringly on the central weakness of Blooms-

Scepticism was a moral duty. They thus found themselves out of touch with large areas of the world they lived in and with most of the past.

Mr Erenan bas of course lived much of his long life in Spain, and the best part of bis own writing has concerned it-self with the Spanish people, their politics and their liverature. It is perhaps therefore not surprising that the Spanish sections of his present book are by far the best. Once he the Andalusian sun beating down on him Brenan the writing man comes to life and grows in stature. He bas in particular two loog chapters.
"The Approach of the Civil War", and "The Civil War at Malaga": these are admirable,

vivid and objective. To my mind this was o purely Spanish affair, to be seen in terms of peninsular rather than Euro-pean history, but intensified and distorted by the existence of two

This is absolutely right-and needs saying now just as urg-ently as it needed saying 35

David Williams

The Monday Book: Thomas Pakenham on Kenneth Griffith's Thank God We Kept the Flag Flying: the Siege and Relief of Ladysmith مكذا من الأصل

'A very nice life'

A Victorian

By Macdonald Hastings (Michael Joseph, £5.50)

Mrs Caroline Creyke (otherwise Diane, Ina or "Skye") was a remarkable woman. Though she grew up during a period when a woman's plece was in the nome (which meant, for her class, the salnn, the drawing-room, at a pinch tha bedroom, and certainly not the kitchen), she bad little time for domestic pursuits. Her father encouraged ber, when she was seven or so (in the 1850s) to follow the guos over the Scorrish moors in thick drizzle without waterproofs; and later, she shot over those

same moors herself, with a rifle she called Little Death.". She also fished (when she was 12, she landed a 14th. salmon, and later landed two 28lb fish within an hour), became a bicyclist and a skater, and made an ascent in one of Mr Percival Spenser's balloons. Flouring convention she entertained actors and artists in her. Mayfair home—Forbes Robert-son, Patti, Mrs Patrick Camp son, Patri, Mrs Patrick Campbell and Sarah Bernhardt (the latter, according to Lady Frederick Cavendish, "a woman of nomrious character" whose invitation "even to luncheon and dinner" was a scandal).

Macdonald Hastings was given a book, Sporting Sketches, which Mrs Creyke published pseudonymously in 1890; fascinated, he discovered ber identify, and has traced not only the story of ber life, but her other literary efforts—

other literary efforts—iding the fascinating including the fascinating Pleasures of a Chaperon, which came ont in The World between 1391 and 1901, and from which he quotes generously. Though these essays show her, often, as

snobbish, mean-mioded, jealous even of ber own daughters, and rather unfeeling towards ber family as a whole, they provide fascinating new glimpses of some aspects of Victorian social attitudes which are not too thoroughly documented elseART EXHIBITIONS

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Even Mr Hastings finds it impossible entirely to like Mrs Creyke: but one can quite see that, as she was flushed from cover, it would have been impossible not to continue the pursuit. There were so many unexpected aspects to ber life; even ber children were interesting, and ber busband—though Mr Hastings is perhaps a little too keen in conjecturing that Creyke (certainly uncommonly bandsome) was necessarily bi-sexual, or bad an affair either with Lord Carlisle or anyone else. The author is also perhaps over-persistent in his insistence that Mrs Creyke entertained lovers, jusi because he finds Mr Creyke a little letbargic, and his wife obstinately virile

Creyke died in 1892, when his wife was in ber fifties. Having brought up her children, she went off on a world tour when she was 65, and for 30 more years put the fear of God (one gathers) into everyone she met -singing at convolescent troops during the First World War and, in a ginger wig and spectacles from Woolworth's, sitting at her window in the middle of London during the blitz with a stalking rifle and the intention of get ting Hitler in the ear if he ever made so bold as to come anywhere near her. A terror with the croquet mallet in her nine-ties, she died in 1946. "Yes. thank you", she said to a reporter, "I have had a very nice life." Derek Parker

Pulpits for two

Under Bow Bells Edited by Joseph McCnlloch

(Siteldon Press, £3.50) St Mary le Bow is blessed with one Rector and two pulpits. For the past decade each Tuesday lunchtime, the freedom of the second pulpit has been offered to some person of note who engages the Rector (Joseph McCulloch) in lively dialogue for the edification of city folk who, come Sunday, will be in the pub, on the links or under the car. There have heen some 400 such encounters and they mark McCullocb's deep concern that the church be seen in real dialogue with the world; serious discourse but packaged in the chat, interview, and cross-talk which the media have made desirable.

Under Bow Bells contains the edited transcripts of dialogues with 20 people, all of them household names, most of them communicators themselves, and There are only two La Tours in this country—at Middles brough and Hampton Court, so this sumptuously illustrated record, rich in bold, dramatic details, will be welcomed by those who can afford it: it is time now for a less generates edited and there is just the right halance of seriousness and quip and quote to give the reader the taste of the original encounter. All are interesting, some are illuminating, several are deeply moving. By and are deeply moving. By and large, lay people reflecting on the moral dimensions of a particular experience are more gripping than the general utterances of professional truth-tellers: Diana Rigg, for in-

stance, having played in Abclard and Heloise affirming sexual intercourse "after the first, second or third en-counter" as an obstacle to be surmounted on the way to a deeper relationship rather than the crown of a relationship already matured. This clearly had the Rector on the base line and was indeed heady stuff compared with the more abstract lucubrations of the Wykebam Professor of Logic in the University of Oxford. All these disputants were fairly safe; bumane, liberated, leftisb. (Even Levin seems to bave made chants—or the less wild men of the very left?

of the man is clear, and his Introduction plots rather sadly his years of crying in the wilderness for radical reform in the Church. It must be painful for him to see the oil sbaiks succeeding where be and others have failed. Even Joe McCul-loch does not want Pbaraob to have the last laugh l

Vernon Sproxton

Fiction

Falling Bodies By Sue Kaufman (Hamish Homilton, £2.95) Meritocrats

By Stuart Evans

(Hutchinson, £2.95) Two of the year's final offerings are high spirited and endearing. In Sue Kaufmao's Falling Bodies, modern conscientiousness — at work, at bome, in education, in race, in richness and in slums is worried about conscientiously. She's particularly suc-cessful bere in bringing alive fretful, intelligent men, which makes it a fascinating addition to ber Diary of o Mad House-

wifa. Harold and Emma ara proud of heing married for 14 years with the sort of problems they call roses compared to other people's dificulties. But that is before they start grappling with what becomes known as their Rough Year. He is a vice-presi-dent in publishing and likes manageable titles in everything; sbe is a social worker and likes definitive words too; their 11-year-old son hoards permanent tangibles such as sprockets, gauges, grommets and rheostats, which he arranges into a spreading tree oo his bedroom wall. Harold is bothered. "Other

boys his age are collecting centrefolds from Playboy . . . Emma anxiously agrees their son might be Disturbed. The most illuminating chapters follow this as they try to order their lives in Reasoned Health; "aick" is the four-letter word that appala them most and they. use it as criticism, loosely.

Their preparations are confounded after the death of Emma's mother, whose bigotry and coldness she feared yet whom she loved inexpressibly. This is finely described. Set in overdeveloped, enclosed New York flatland, it is all written with refreshing humility. Most of the people in Stuart Evans's Meritocrais are speci-

ally alert to each other's origins which are considered humble, and they are gifted, assiduous and skilfully managerial. Robert Keller is a senior civil servant in London whose son says be is one of the most

his bed with Teilbard de Chardin l) But dons, actors, journalists, even politicians, do nor adequately represent dia-logue with the world: what about some of the powerful City moguls themselves; the ban-kers, the financiers, the mer-Finally, a salute to McCul-loch's urbane, wry, and appar-ently easy manner which masks great skill and much bomework To be sure his style is odd here and there (litmus idicates, it does not dichotomise; apolaustic is not a communicator's word) but the urgent purpos

eminently grey men who keep the country "safe and smooth-running in spite of politicians and democracy". His wife, a Welsb miner's daughter, is a scary book reviewer and broadcaster, his daughter is a ravisbing but frigid psychiatrist, and his son avoids university to teach in a London technical college called the Louvre of

They are all jolly good at queting and Spinoza's suspicion that universal buman desires can be reduced to riches, fame and lust breaks out all over. and lust breaks out all over.
Since most of them are
supremely observant and
thoughtful, a great deal of
what happens takes place between their eyes and cerebellums, with subversive action
below the belt; it ends in disarray, with moving optimism. · I am astonished that this is Stuart Evans's first novel. It is witty, resourceful and brilliant, and told as a many-voiced story: in this case, the chapters are presented alternately under each of the names of the five main characters, so there are almost as many versions and in-terpretations as there are participants and onlookers. point of it is that there is room

Myrna Blumberg

The Memoirs of a Survivor, by Doris Lessing (The Octagon Press, £2.95). Doris Lessing describes her new book as "an at-tempt at autobiography". It is hard to see what she means. The thing is an uneasy kind of fiction—flat atory aspiring to the condition of fable. The narrator, a woman living in a block of flats in a pradictably grim and 1984 ish future, is given the custody of a 12-year-old child. Emily Cartright Emily comes complete with a pet, or familiar spirit, called Hugo, half car and half dog. Nothing much hap-pens. Emily's morives and Hugo's babits are analysed into the ground. Meanwhile, plants seem to be taking over the world. The Memoirs of a Sur vivor is to be raad as a curious axperiment by a writer of proven talent. But if it came to us without Mrs Lessing's name attached it is doubtful whether it would be found worthy of review, and in the circumstances it rather looks as though the text is meant to bear a burden of private symbolic significance which its nar-

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Mr Lee delivers very nicoly, hut admits that the idea of turn-log Scaramanga ioto an almost

was already ill wheo he wrote Golden Gun and I think be knew that the wells of his imagination were beginning to run 8 bit dry.

foreband, the matter scarcely

arose. For the play dealt so

graphically and so unerringly with the universals of buman

relationships that debate about

its origins in particular people

long and complex drama you could say that it was one man's search for self-respect. Quentin,

an American lawyer, is appalled

at the coocentration camps io Europe but is caught up in the

After the Fall

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appetizing thug of the novel. He's the fastest gun in the East. When we were out filming in Thailand down on the Andaman Sea Guy kept oo saying to
Roger Moore and myself,
'Enjoy it, enjoy it! Lightly!
Lightly!' And enjoy it we did.
With the exception of Billy Wilder, who is unquestionably the greatest director I've ever worked with, no one has given me more help than Guy, although this is the first picture I've made with him."

the problem comes in finding ways of proving that versarility.
One of my great regrets is that I oever hecame ao opera singer—my great-grandfather ran the first Australian opera company. When I was io Sweden Jussi Björling told me that I should be a siager eod later I took lessons from Exic Pluza. [Lee Scaramanga represents a deliherate effort oo Christopher lessons from Exic Pinza. [Lee immediately mimics the hass he heard as Mepbisropheles at Covent Garden a couple of nights before.] I had an offer to study and sing with a European company, but I decided that I simply couldn't afford it. "But please doo't think that I have rejected the horror film, or the factastic, as I prefer to call it." Lee's part to move away from the gothic films be is normally associated with, as indeed was Rochefort in The Three Muske The villains are always the centre of curiosity in Ian's books: Bood doeso't change but they do. But I must agree that Scaramaoga is oot ooe of bis most impressive murdeness. In 1974's most impressive murdeness as a played Dracula seven times in 15 years and was slightly cross when the other day another newspaper doubled those seven Draculas to 14.

"Yes, of course I typecast in 14.

spread over a large number of different couorries; it is fatal for an actor to be known only at home. I've moved about a "So Guy and I, after a lot of talk, decided to make Scaramanga a little like Bond himself, a counter-Bond if you like; a movie for Jerome Savary's

hollow reality of honour, truth and the like. With one marriage ended he drifts into another with a little telephonist turned successful singer, only to be the

pect of an honest relationship with 8 survivor of the Naxis. If you wanted a theme for this

witch bunt at home, for be and was played with a haunting in terms of the medium. It was his friends go back to the days numbness by Mariclare Costello. magnificent in terms of the when they were young and Red. You share Quentin's first drama.

He is sickened by the hypo- sight of the guildiess waif who crisies to which he must sub- is to succeed the wife and you scribe and shudders at the see at once what he means see at once what he means when he says that a truth has Leonard Buckley

Well, yoo could bave fooled me. It is simpossible to believe that this play oo Tuesday did oot reflect the ill-starred marriage of Marilyn Monroe with Arthur Miller, who wrote it. Yer for all the attention given to that be and to despair.

Inclow reality of honour, truth and the like. With one marriage foundating into another that waif Faye Dunaway part with a little telephonist turned successful singer, only to be the unwitting insugator and the harrowed us, while Christopher that the successful singer, only to be the unwitting insugator and the harrowed us, while Christopher that the success to question and to a clearcut directness that illumined the bewilderment of his pooder, to hope for a moment soul.

all it."

There was no need to be re-

assured. Among the brouze buddhas, Chinese horses and fire dogs of Christopher Lee's bome, off Sloane Street, was

a brand-new script of Sweeny Todd and next to it another in deep purple entitled Vlad the Impaler. Perhaps The Phantom

of the Opera was hidiog away

John Higgins

somewhere too.

and Delphine Seyrig. . .

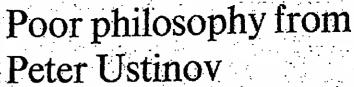
In the end there is the prose society that pratries as easily of psychoanalysis as we mentioo the weather, introspective and Understanding comes out of indifferent to the ordinary pain. Bur enough is enough Mr sequences of time, this play Miller's solution to his man's could be a corker on the stage. seemed academic and even predicament is less persuasive in this Globe Theatre production by Gilbert Cares, which was if you wanted a theme for this the statement is plain indeed. shown simultaneously in the Close the door if you are United States, insets defly underlined Quentin's spoken Quentin reaches out towards her, and on the instant you comprise the action.

Shown simultaneously to the United States, insets defly underlined Quentin's spoken thoughts and then expanded to comprise the action.

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comprise the action.

This ingenuity and much else made the play great television



Who's Who in Hell Lunt-Fontanne, New York

Clive Barnes

Peter Ustinov is a man of so many talents that they keep getting in one another's way. His new play Who's Who in Hell, at the Lame-Fontaine theatre, has a certain style to it. theatre, bus a certain style to it, way men of power, even in but the style is virtually all. We moments of such crisis as death, could have done with less art can define, delineate and, even,

could have done with less art and more matter.

The idea of the play is characteristically brilliant. Ustraov has never been short of dramatic possibilities. Hera he sets his scene in a wasting room in hell—shades of Sarire's Huis

(who seems just a little like Richard M. Nixon), a Russian leader (who, yes, seems just a little like Nikisa Khrushchev) little Hice Nikina Khrushchev) and a young American assassio. The young American assassio. The young American a cleancut kid wish a neughty gun, killed them both, before secret service bulkets mowed him to the ground, it all bappened in Disneyland. Unfortunately Disneyland is indeed the level of Ustinov's play.

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House of Regrets, revealed an extraordinarily easy and deft writer. His very first play, produced nearly 30 years ago, The House of Regrets, revealed, as I recall, a certain theatrical sweetness. It was a milk-andwater study of Russians in London, and it had a fleeting "During the past two years.

I've been tryiog to prove that
I am oot ao actor to be confined to a certaio type of film.

Every artist must be versatile;
the problem comes in finding

water study of Russiaos io Lon-don, and it had a fleeting Ustinov is beautiful as the honesty that still remains in the assassinated Russiao. He is memory, Io his two best known olays. The Love of Four Colonels and Romanoff and fuliet, Ustinov attempted political plays, but out very

firm political beliefs. He substitutes for anger a wry irony, and it just does not work.

This new play is all the time trying to say something not just amusing but important, and all

the time it is being reduced to a level of intellectual triviality.
Ustinov clearly believes that
everyone is right, and that you must not offend anyone, especially a theatregoer. It is poor

philosophy.

The major influence on Ustinov is very clear. He is trying to offer us a Bernard Shaw for our time with Shawian wit and Shavian dialectic. It does not work. In this play he tries to describe the

exploit such power.

Ustanov is writing a political pley but his political stance is boldly and defiantly neutral. Show felt passionate about chambele possibilities. Hera he sets his scene in a wasting room equals. His stage debates may nowadays seem contrived. But they were about genuine issues. It is a well-appointed they were about genuine issues. It is a well-appointed they were about genuine issues. It is a well-appointed they were about genuine issues. Show, the inverted controutation, the deathly pseudo-signing is perhaps the ratest joy of the play.

Three people are the per incomplete that makes every the period of the play. Schmidt's smoothly opulent designing is perhaps the ratest joy epigram, that argumentative positive play.

Three people are the new instance: an Americao President does nothing with it. His jokes (who seems just a little like explode with empty squelches Richard M. Nixon), a Russian and his political arguments are

butterflies too drab and too ordinary to attract the attention

ordinary to attract the attention of the most promiscuous lepidopterist.
Yet Ustimov always does one thing right. He has a gift for wriving for people. In his very best play Photo Finish, this was virtually enough, and even here lovers of action will find something to love. Ellis Rabbi has directed the play, although I suspect trying to direct Ustimov in a Ustinov play is rather like being a conductor on Amerak. You know where you are going, You know where you are going, but there is not much else you can offer, except in the case of

assassinated Russiao. He is such a lovely actor. Uertaioly he exaggerates; but his exaggerations have a special confidence. to them. George S. Traditions to them. George S. Irving was admirably scared yet heroic as seriously.

Who's Who in Hell is again extent he was repeating his an attempt at a political play; but ooce again not very serious. Usticor obviously wants to write a political satire, but he never really wants to take sides. Io so many of his plays he takes up the odd position of political satirist who has no very firm political beliefs. He subhim. Wheo you come down to 4.

Ustinov is making dangerously feeble jokes about dangerously serious subjects.—New York Times News Service.

LSO/Pritchard/Price Albert Hall

Alan Blyth

Once agaio a programme that would have played to a soldplaces as a winter concert. Those that came oo Tuesday were rewarded, and surely warmed, by Margaret Price's singing of Mozart and Rossini. As a Mozart ioterpreter, her name is already made here and abroad. Her Rossini, until this

perving test of coloratura prove faithless. ability. For an acknowledged constanze, its runs and turns but was sometimes at odds with present few problems, but it is the orchestra. Another conducnot often that one hears Rossini sung with such opulent tone allied to such faultless techmcal control. Some great names of the past came to miod. It is of the past came to miod. It is us what a splendid interpreter hardly worth quoting them of Sibelius he can he With the when such an obviously individual singer as Miss Price can spirit, the performance of the stand on her own reputation.

bouse would mount the work those things before they have Saltarello.

the notes truly to their voice. Sensibly, Miss Price gets the essentials right first. Already, in any case, she made the fioritive express the Queen of Babylon's moment of ecstasy at the thought of her lover's return.
Miss Price's voice is now so

out Albert Hall in the Prom large that it begins to sound season produced a sea of empty of Strenssian if not Wagnerian proportions. In consequence ber proportions. In censequence per Mosair has become a little ponderous, but the richness of its overtones are not loappropriate in the Fiordlightike aria with piano obbligato. Ch'io mi scordi di te?, and it allows her to use a wealth of colouring in the republice, a wide range of impression in the aria proper. "Tanto rigor", a harsh fate, tity. She chose Semiramide's would indeed befall this strong-"Bel raggio", always an un willed lady if her man should

tor, John Pritchard, was a faithful accompanist as he bas often been to Miss Price at Glyndebourne. Later Mr Pritchard remioded

second aymphony had a pro-If and wheo she sings the role perly sturdy and sinewy quality on the stage (a sensible opera to it while not tacking in excitement. Mendelssohn's specially for ber), she will sounded more like a run allow herself a little more through, but that too benefited allow herself a little more through, but that too benefited from Mr Pritchard's crisp, no and playing with small tuances. Most singers, bowever, attempt larly in a briskly taken those things before they have Saltarello.

guidance if he is to advance towards musical maturity.

bitter if impersonal poetry and the many opportunities pro-vided for pianastic display. Sha also accompanied Nigel Tra-

herne (oboe) with a good deal of confidence, offsetting his often inhibited response to O.P.E. Bach's Sonata in E

minor. Both players delighted in Gabriel Grovlez's Sarabande

and Allegro, a familiar form of French conception full of charming if over-extended ideas, but Mr Traherne was at his very best in Berio's Sequenza Seven, setting the

against the tape's continuously beld pitch with far more assur-

ance than he showed elsewhere.

Hiroko Maruko is another pianist who deals in force rather than subtlety, and in Schumano's Fantasy her tone

London debuts

Francis Reneau is a wild and exciting be now needs very firm musically often woolly young plants, and although it was planst, and although it was sometimes difficult to resist his flair and anthusiasm, and an obvious desire to take the Wigmore Hall by storm, his excess often bludgeoned rather than coaxed one'e acceptance. Hat tended to inflare the music far beyond its natural but still vital often bludgeoned rather than coursed one's acceptance. Ha tended to inflare the music far beyond its natural but still vital perspective with Lisztian melodrama by no means reserved for Liszt. Thus Mozart's A minor Rondo (a daring opening choice) was so self-consciously expressive and molto rubato that all sense of tempo relation expressive and molto rubato that all sense of tempo relationships virtually collapsed, and both here and in Beethoven'a sonata Op 2 No 3 he forced the music's drama to the point of parody. He was more sensitive as well as disciplined in Brahms's Op 119 pieces though, again, in the C major Intermezzo he was beavily brilliant and quite without the composer's prescribed giocoso. The and quite without the composer's prescribed giocoso. The Barrok sonata responded better to his bold frontal assault despite much rhythmic distortion, but in Valle a Obermann Liszt's Byronic grandeur and nobility was again accrificed on the aliar of garish sensationalism. Mr. Reneast protests too much, is too anxious to move and be moved, and although his remperament is colourful and

Bryce Morrison

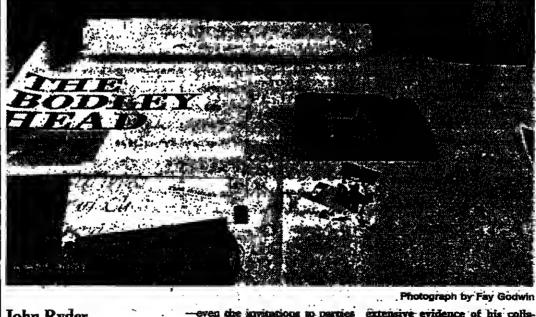
fantastic traceries

Hinge and Bracket move in

at this year's Edinburgh Festival and more recently at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs, where it was reviewed on this An Evening with Hinge and page by John Higgins, trans-Bracket, the musical revue tessed on Tuesday to the May which enjoyed a great success Fair Theatre.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

oboe's



John Ryder Bodleian Library

Brian Alderson There is a school of thought

which will have no truck with book designers. They are seen as expensive brokers between the down to earth publisher and his, usually, even more downto-earth printer, or they are mocked as advertisers-manques. However, a new exhibition at the Bodleiao Library, Oxford, puts the case for the hook designers with a decisive clarity. It is a display of the books and working papers of John Ryder, the designer and art director at The Bodley Head, and it cele-brates the donation of his per-

owhich are part of the routine job-work of any kively publishing house. But what is ourstanding about John Ryder's work in this field is the care and affection that have gone into even the least significant items (a chap-book-style handout for the Frankfurt Book-Fair, a surjety of restor situation). Fair, a variety of review slips), and the contribution which each of chese makes to an absolutely . coherent body of work.

From the earliest examples in

the exhibition—typescripts which John Ryder himself prepared as a boy-right through logues, prospectuses, calendars sixteenth century; while the reduced to a mi

extensive evidence of his collaboration with the letterer Michael Harvey shows how ancient principles can be applied with a very modern zest. As one progresses round the cases—admiring alike the force of John Ryder's own example (his miniature press and his beautiful little column Printing

for Pleasure were an inspiration to a whole generation of private printers) and his championing of the majestic work of Giovanni Mardersteig's Officina Bodoni at Verona—one is more and more struck by the strange paradox to the plain but distinctive that lies at the heart of all real bouse-style which he has estab"book designing." For after the lished for The Bodley Head, intense labour—the choice and there is an assertion in his work true apportioning of all the of the classic principles of typo physical elements that go to brates the donation of his personal archive to the library,

Nevertheless, as an exhibition of what is, in effect, one man's sugarly. The exhibition emphasizes how far, in fact, he saes appears. If his job has been to perfection (and few rooted in the older skills of have achieved perfection more frequently than John Ryder), the scale there is a mass of day-to-day printing: the catalogues, prospectives, calendars sixteenth century; while the reduced a mass and logues, prospectives, calendars sixteenth century; while the reduced a mass of the century is the century in the century in the century is the century in the cent

Cricket



Jeff Thomson, the Australian fast bowler, does press-ups to strengthen his already powerful arms

Good start essential in Test if England to save the Ashes Old, and the ubiquitous and ladis-

From John Woodcoc!: Cricket Correspondeo:

Perth, Dec 11 With the arrival of the Austra-lian players from the eastern states, the countdown has begun states, the countdown has begun for Thomson's second blast-off. That, at any rate, is what the second Test match between England and Australia, which starts bere on Friday, is being seen as. Its importance to England can hardly be overstated. If they make no better a showing than in Brisbane and go two down in the series, the chances of their retaining the Ashes will be negligible. If, on the other hand, with a party stricken by injory they can avoid defeat there will be all and more to play for when the sides meet next, in Melbourne at Christmas and Sydney at the new year. With both Amiss, who has been mas and Sydney at the new year. With both Amiss, who has been such a pillar of strength in 1974, and Edrich unable to play, and Boycott in hiding in Yorkshire. It is not surprising that we are grateful for Cowdrey. Whether or not he makes runs Cowdrey's presence is reascuring. You could say, I suppose, that nothing more was ever asked of a crickcter thao will be asked of him if he plays. I'ntil he went to the nots yester.

Until he went to the nets vester-day morning he had not had a bat in his hand for three months. He wishes be could have bad another formight, or at the very least another week, to get the feel of shorter week, to get the leaf of things again, but even at such short notice it is not beyond him to make a go of it. Among those bowling to him in the nets here today, while the 11 others who are not partly halt or iame were are not party nait or tame were playing a one-day match in Geraldton, have been Graham McKenzie and Tony Lock, as well as Alan Smith, assistant manager, and as good a net bowler as could be wished for. Fortunately the facilities for practice are among the

best in Australia.

If it is expecting too much of England, with their present attack, to dismiss Australia twice on a to dismiss Australia twice on a pitch as good as this one is likely to be by Friday, it is not unreasonable to hope that they will get sufficient runs themselves to avoid defeat. On an awkward pitch in Brisbane (it was the same for both sides, but it was still a rotten Test pitch in Brisbane) England came within eighty misutes of saving the match, in spite of batting badly. If they can get anything of e start to their innings this time they should do better than that, even with a makeshift side.

This, of course, is the crux. In the first innings of the first Test match England were 57 for four. In the second they were 44 or three. On both occasions they ere struggling from the start.

A great deal depends, then, on

Thomson and Lillee, especially Thomson. No one howled fast enough in the recent match against Western Australia to give against Western Australia to give ao accurate idea of how much pace these two will get out of the pitch. It could be a lot, although today it was still soft after its final watering. In the ordinary way Perth is the fastest wicket in the world and at one wicket in the world and at one end the fast howlers can always expect a wind to belp them. An out-of-form Luckburst, with six runs in his last four innings, Lipyd, when has never played really fast bowling in his life, and has passed fifty only twice in his last 25 first class innings, and Denness, who has played exactly fifty innings on tour for MCC withoot ever making a hundred, hardly present Thomson and Lillee with a massive wall to scale. But Luckhurst scored 131 here, in the corresponding Test match of 1970-71, and the bounce of the hall will he much truer than it ever was in Erishane. In adversity, too, England have a reputation to maintain.

maintain.

The last time they went loto a Test match after losing a relatively minor match was at Bridgetown minor match was at Bridgetown nine months ago. Barhados had just heaten them then. In the Test match that followed Amiss and Boycott (Boycott had been reduced by fast bowling to going in at No 4) made only 39 runs between them in the two lunings, but England saved the day and came again. It was on a much slower pitch than Perth, certainly, but it was scarcely less of a crisis that the present one.

that the present one.

England will not be picking their side until last thing on Friday morning. Not until them will they know who can stand up and bold a bat, or run up and bowl a ball. team began a one-day match there, Hendrick had to be taken to hospi-tal with a high temperature. He would almost certainly have played in the Test match had he been fit but he is unlikely to do so now.

Fletcher has had a net without too much discomfort, and Willis and Lever bave been bowling at Cowdrey and Fletcher off sbortened runs. We find ourselves in Parth where the plan was always. Perth, where the plan was always to discomfort Australia with speed, with Arnold baving taken only four wickers on the tour, and Old four wickers on the tour, and Old giving away runs at the rate of five an over, and Lever needing support for an injured back, and Hendrick with a virus on him, with Snow due at any moment to comment on the tour (what an irony 1) and with an extra spinner more than likely to play. The more than likely to play. The attack, had it been picked tonight.

pensable Greig.

Five of the Kent side will be included, provided Cowdrey plays. In West Indies last winter no fewer than seven of the Warwickshire side played in the same Test match, three for England and four for West Indies. Seven Surrey players (May, Bedser, Loader, Laker, Lock, Barrington and McIntyre) appeared for England in 1955, at different times, but the last rime five players from one county played in the same Test match must, I think, have been against Australia at the Oval in 1938, when Yorkshire were represented. sented by Bowes, Hutton, Leyland, Verity and Wood.

For the march to be as enjoyable as it should be to watch, let alone play in, there will need to be much less short-pitched howing then in Brichane Willia and

be much less short-pitched howing than in Brisbane. Willis and Lever have B lot to answer for in this respect. It was they who started it, before Thomson made their efforts look like childsplay. England in Brisbane were holst with their own petard. I am making no excuses for the defeat there but the umpires I thought were at fault in not taking a firmer. at fault in not taking a firmer line over the surfeit of short bowlling. The same two umpires are standing here, and may, 1 hope, have had a directive to guard more carefully the spirit and letter of the law.

Cowdrey's observations from

Cowdrey's observations from having watched the first Test match on television are interesting. He admirs that seeing just the "inghlights" can be misleading, but even in 1954-55, when Eogland had Tyson and Statham and Anstralia had Lindwall, Miller and Davidson. He remembers nothing to compare with Brisbane '74 for bumpers. I would go farther than that and say that there were more of them there than in any Test match in which England have been involved since the war. Cowdrey knows that if England have been involved since the war. Cowdrey knows that if he plays on Friday he will not be spared the short stuff and to

AUSTRALIA (from): I. M. Chappell (captain), K. D. Walters, I. R. Redpath, G. S. Chappell, R. W. Marsh, R. Edwards, A. A. Mallett, W. J. Edwards, T. J. Jenner, D. K. Lillee, M. H. N. Walker, J. R. Thomson. ENGLAND (from): M. H. Denness (captain), M. C. Cowdrey, F. J. Timus, A. W. Greig, A. P. E. Knott, B. W. Luckhurst, K. W. R. Flether, R. G. D. Willis, C. M. Old, D. L. Underwood, R. W. Tarlen D. Lloyd C. G. Arnold

Taylor, D. Lloyd, G. G. Arnold.

MCC only draw-with Australian to help out

Geraldton, Western Australia, Dec 11.—The MCC cricketers drafted an Australian bowler into their team but still only managed mer ream but still only managed a draw in their one-day match against a West Australian Country XI here today.

The bowler wan e West Australian Colts player, Feter Bronsdon, who came into the side

at the last minute when Hendrick was taken to hospital after the team arrived here. After an hour-long flight from Perth Hendrick went down with a throat infection and spent the day in bospital undergoing tests. MCC batted first and declared at

214 for six, after reversing the batting order apart from the opening batsmen, Luckburst and Lloyd. Luckburst with 76 not ont but the liveliest Lloyd. Luckhurst was top scorer with 76 not ont but the liveliest innings came from Greig who hit 31 in 10 balls with three sixes, three fours and e single before be was the sixth man oot.

The Country XI never looked like making the runs in the dime available but they did well to hang on for the draw against some humper bowling by Greig in the last four overs. The last-wicket pair, Gifford, and Stephens defended grimly in the last four overs, putting on 37 in an unbeaten stand to deny MCC the morale-lifting win they needed in their last match before the second Test starts in Perth on Friday.

Bronsdon, who was 12th man to the last MCC side to play Western Australian Country, took one wicker in the three overs he bowled. The match ended with Western Australia Country on 153 for nine.

D. Lioyd, c Langdon, b Stephens 20, W. Luckhurst, not out 76, 64, M. Did, b Stephens 21, J. Timuts, c Rowe, b Pepper 21, L Underwood, c Pepper, b Stephens 6, Arnold, c Gifford, b Pepper 20, W. Greig, c Scott, b Pepper 31, Extras : b 4, lb 6, cb 5; 15 Total | 6 wits dec! | M. H. Benness, A. P. E. Koott, Taylor, end P. Bronsdon did oott, R. G. Taylor, en-bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1—35, 2—86, 3—140, 4—145, 5—180, 6—214, 3—1—23—0 3-140. 4-145. 5-180. 6-214. 80 WilnG: Giftord. 6-1-23-C Stephens. 14-1-75-3: Rowe. 6-37-0; Pepper. 8.7-0-3-3 Jones, 1-0-21-0.

WEST AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY XI Bows, c Greig, b Underwood Stinger, c Greig, b Old Scott, c Greig, b Underwood McCormack, c Taylor, b Greig Jones, c Taylor, b Broadon Langdon, M Taylor, b Underwood c Old. b Lloyd
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Pepper. c Old. b Greig
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Masood for Northumberland

The 1975 Haig national village

the plays on Friday he will not be spared the short stuff and to that extent he is prepared for it. One way and another the stage is set for heroics, on a major scale.

AUSTRALIA (from): 1. M. AUSTRALIA (from): 1. M. Chappell (captain), K. D. Walters, 1. R. Redpath, G. S. Chappell.

Gillette Cup to

continue

The Gillette knockout competition will continue for at least the next three years. After lengthy negotiations, the Test and County Cricket Board amounced last night that terms had been agreed with the Gillette company for the event to be run in the 1975, 1976 and 1977 seasons. Umpires: R. Bailhache and T. Brooks.

Northern challengers supported in sponsored events at Ascot

By Jim Snow

Not surprisingly the two
northern challengers for Ascot's
two big sponsored races on Saturday. Tartan Ace from Arthur
Stephenson's stable and Canadius
from Gordon Richards's have
lately come in for strong support
for the SGB Handicap Steeplechase and the SGB Handicap
Rurdle. Hurdle.

The form of Tartan Ace, this season and the one before, has been excellent. In Ireland in 1973 he won the Irish Distillers been excellent. In Ireland in 1973 he won the Irish Distillers Grand National at Fairyhouse and five other races, and after he had come over to join Arthur Stephenson's Durham stable he won three races in succession for his new trainer. The most important of these was the 55,000 Whithread Northern Gold Trophy at Haydock Park. Tartan Ace is only seven years of age, but he has gone on the right way as he showed three weeks ago in the Sundew Steepfechase at Haydock Park. There he met Pendil af level weights of 11 st 12 lb over three miles, and put up a fine performance to be beaten only two and a half lengths by Fred Winner's champion. Red Rum was 12 lengths away, third.

If this form is accepted at face value, Tartan Ace is some two or

three pounds only behind Pendil. In consequence Pendil would be handicapped at 11 st 3 lb in Ascor's big race on Saturday. From this mark bookmakers could be forgiven for shutting up shop until the next event. But there is always a danger in relying on the form of a condition race, such as the Sundew Steeplechase, when it comes to assessing the such as the Sundew Steeplechase, when it comes to assessing the prospects of a placed borse in so compeditive a handicap as the SGB. Many fingers have been burnt over many years in making a marriage between condition races and handicap form. It is a pit into which a large number of speculators fall every year.

But the fact remains that Tartan Ace, fully on merit, finisbed less than three lengths behind the best than three lengths behind the best three-mile steeplechaser in the country, and bookmakers have insured themselves against his

at 14-1 for the SGB Handicap Hurdle. He has won both his races this season and seven in all for Gordon Richards's Comberland stable. Ha recently had five lengths in his favour when winning the \$2,000 Yellow Pages Long Distance Hurdle at Wolverhampton, and with 11st 91b be might go close to this

victory at Ascot by offering him only at 2-1 against. Canadius stands at 12-1 for the SGB Handicap

third victory in succession. Mr Christopher Patterson has In the last fortnight lost two meetings of which he is Clerk of the Course. Sedgefield 10 days ago was water-logged and today's Carlisle meet-ing was called off yesterday at mid-day fur the same reason. Uttoxeter provides the only racing, but here if there is more rain or sleet and snow showers, racing would be in

ijeopardy. It is certain that the going will be extremely heavy.

Tesning conditions have not pre-vented Shinto from winning his last two races at Huntingdon and Ludiow, and David Nicholson's four-year-old, with bottom weight of 10st in the Curley Handicap Hurdle, is with his stone advantage preferred to Leeward. Charley Ario is Illegant to year the according Arlie is likely to win the second division of the Countryman's Hurdle (2.18) for Fred Rimell, and his stable companion. Joe's Dream, may complete a double for the Worcestershire stable in the Dec-ember Handicap Steeplechase.

Charley Arlie was no match for Traité de Paix at Wolverhampton. but be was up against a useful novice 'that day, and he has a much easier task this afternoon. STATE OF GOING (official): Utioxeter heavy. Roscommon, heavy. Octon and Exeter (lumorrow): heavy.

When it is cheaper to call off meeting

Kelso was the only race in Britain yesterday, yet £800! Last year the meet the course \$1,000. Desp rounding blizzards, the Ka was frost and snow free, ar went ahead on good grout

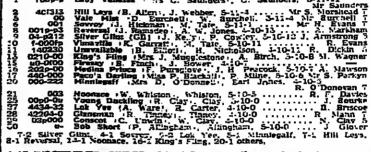
blue skies and sunshine. The management of the track urgently want an arthe question: "How is it for us to keep racisg a like this, and fost money? would have broken even been forced to abandon t

The Levy Board dai! allows £850 for courses wi in winter on Monday, W and Thursday, and 51,500 dey and Friday. With an inflationary

racecourse costs and an at of about 1,500, Kelso we red, and the clerk of the Bill McHarg, said: "The grant system was introc belp courses keep racing this pime of the year, grants for Monday. W and Friday are quite in

Uttoxeter programme

12.45 COUNTRYMAN'S STEEPLECHASE (Div 1: £340: 2m) 1.15 YOUNGSTERS HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m 180yds)



1.45 DECEMBER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 3m)



Kelso results

12.15 (12.19) EARLSTON HURDLE (Handway: £179; 2m) Indian Fort, ch s, by Indian Ruler
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ALSO RAN: 13-2 lay Touchie. 4-1

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TOTE: Win, 40n; places, 28p, 72p;
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Malpas, 121, 41.

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4-9-13; ... J. Mooney (4-1) 1

Old Vinca, b g., by Menelek—Mosi
Seen (Mr W. Thyret, 5-10-0

B. Nolan (7-4 fav);

Gay Pérch, b g. by High Perch—
Gay Reather (Mr H, Smart),
8-12-0 ... J. J. O'Neill (6-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 7-1 Infantryman, Moun-tain Daw (4th), 10-1 Devil's Soldier (pt. 14-1 Coleraine, St Benedict, 20-t

2.45 KINGSTONE STEEPLECHASE (£442 ; 2m) 440 Corriogholi C. Cleary: F. Rimeli, 8-12-0 ... Lo 00p Indian Sanset (Mrs J. Cundall, Mrs Z. Candail, c-Mr.

2.15 COUNTRYMAN'S STEEPLECHASE (Div 2: Novice

3.15 CUBLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £476: 21m 150yds) 3.15 CUBLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £476: 21m 150vds)

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Needham needs a long rest before his next bout

Boxing Correspondent

David Needham, the new British bantamweight champion after an unforgettable 15 rounds contest with Paddy Maguire at Nottingham, aims next for the European title at 3 st 6 lb heid by Bob Allotey, of Spain. The European Boxing Union have chosen him as the official challenger. official challenger.

official challenger.

It would be wise, however, if Needham first takes B long rest from the ring to recover from his exhausting battle with Maguire on Tuesday in which he sustained two cuts by his right eye. Allotey, who comes originally from Ghana, stopped Maguire in eight rounds in 1971 with an unremitting attack that brought about Maguire's only defeat inside the distance. the distance.

Even before Needham outpointed Maguire be was ranked as

the leading contender for Allotey's title. But it might be advisable fur him to consider a "warm-up" bont next year before trying for his second major title. He is such a frail looking 23-year-old that it was not surprising to hear the Nottingham match-maker, Terry Lawless, shout, as Needham left the ring: "Don't let those fans hug you or they'll break you in half."

The public enthusiasm was bound to be high, not only hecause of the excitement of the whole 15 the excitement of the whole 15 rounds struggle but also because Needham was boxing, and winning, in his own city. Nine years earlier he had been the schoolboy who beld up the round numbers board as his manager, Johnny Pritchett from Bingham, won the British middleweight title in the same ring.

for Maguire who fought so hravely, the and yet mavailingly, as he did or a last year in another 15 rounds championship against the now re-dred Johnny Clark. Maguire-never stopped coming forward though I thought he finished a little further behind on points than the official margin of eight rounds to Needham, five Magnire and two even. 'After all the Gheering was over

I recalled that so often before the hantamweight division bas produced ontstanding contests. The two Gilroy-Rafferty matches and the two 15 rounds bouts between Rudkin and McGowan stirred the Rudkin and McGowan surreu me blood just like Nottingham's latest epic. It is surely time that Lon-don promoters did more to en-courage the "little men" of courage the "bloom wearing the surrey was a surre ring.

One is bound to feel sorry for blunder affairs.

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States, to reach the quar

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championship here today.

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and third sets, 6-4, 6-2.

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New Delhi, Dec 11.—West Indies dismissed India for 220 on the opening day of the second Test with 48.

Deryck Murray, deputizing for

well enough up to luncheon, when they were 104 for three. From then until tea they struggled to 165 for five and the innings folded up a further 70 minutes after the interval for the eddition of 55 runs. Viswanath and Patel, who have disappointed so often, did so again. Viswanath scratched around for two hours and a haif for 32 and Patel, whose Test place must now he very much in danger, made only 11. West Indies won the first Test

India capture quick wicket after their batting fails

the five-match series by 267 CERTIFIED PPA DIVIDENDS Roberts emerged with the best West Indian bowling figures of three for 51 and the spin bowlers Gibbs and Willett each obtained FOR MATCHES PLAYED DECEMBER 7th 1974

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two wickets.
India made three changes from the first Test when they picked their side shortly before the game began on B sunny but cool and breezy morning. Venkataraghavan was named captain in the absence of Mansur Ali Khan Paraudi and Gavaskar with finger injuries. Naik, Sharma and Bedi replaced Gavaskar. Pataudi and Chandrasekhar In the Indian side. For West Indies, Willett, the 21-year-old slow left-hand bowler from the Leeward Islands, took over from Barrett and Julien was chosen instead of the injured

Venkataraghavan did his first Jenkataraghavan did his first job well by winning the toss end Naik and Engineer made an aggressive beginning helped by a short boundary and a fast outfield. But Julien bowled Engineer round his legs for 17 and although Kanitkar Jeft after scoring only eight, 73 runs came off 13 overs eight, 73 runs came off 13 overs
Lloyd brought up five slips and
e gully when Roberts bowled to
a tentative Viswanath and Boyce
also troubled Viswanath considerably. But, surprisingly, it was Naik
wbo had played confidently, who
went. He swung wildly at a full
toss from Boyce and was legbefore for 48.

came almost to a standstill. The first hour produced 27 runs in 17 overs and Gibbs bowled five maidens in a row before a run was scored off him. A fast and hostile spell from Roberts did not give him e wicket and when Willett came on, Sharma hit him high over long-on for six. It was one of the day's few attacking strokes.

Willett and Gibbs made it an all-spin attack after tea and three wickets fell in half-an-hour. Sharma made 54 in 160 minutes before, having hit Willett to wide mid-on for four, he hit him sky-high to Julien at long-off.

The two spin howlers tossed the ball higher and higher to tempt Venkataraghavan and Prasanna. Finally, Roberts with the new ball ended the Indian resistance with two wickets from consecutive balls.

S. S. Nafic. 1-b-w, b Boyce

*F. M. Engineer, b Julien

H. S. Kanifter, 1-b-w, b Roberts
G. R. Viswanath, c Murray, b Julien
Sharma, c Julien, b Willett
P. Patel, C Kallicharran, b Willen
D. Solker, c. Lloyd, b. Globs
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S. Venkataraghavan, c. Greenidge,
b. Roberts
A. S. Prasanna, not out
S. Bedi, b. Roberts
Extras (b. 1, 1-b. 5, n-b. 16)

Total 220
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—36, 2—61, 104, 4—132, 5—146, 6—173, 189, 8—196, 9—220, 80WLING: Resberts 17.3—4—5].

Edyte, 11—2—41—1: Julien, 16—38—2; Gübis, 29—17—40—2; Villen, 13—3—30—2. WEST INDIES: First Implices

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*C. H. Lloyd. R. C. Fredericks.
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Gibbs, A. M. E. Roberts, to bat.
FAIL OF WICKET: 1—2.
BOWLING (to date: Abidd All, 1—0—2—0; E. D. Solbar, 1—1—0—1;
Badl, 1—0—2—0.—Reune.

Easy for Griffith

Emile Griffith, five times holder of the world welterweight and middleweight boxing crowns, won an easy 10-round decision over Canadian Donato Paduano at the Forum here last night. In spite of his 37 years, the halding exchampion was remarkably fast and thrilled the crowd of 8,000 with his powerful punching. .— Agence France Presse.

Fulford again

For the fifth successive year the Benson and Hedges golf tournament will be played at Ful-ford, York, on August 13-16. Prize money will again be £25,000, with £4,000 to the winner. Show jumping

Motos racing Economy drive to end horse power struggle By John Blunsden

Motor racing's rule-making body, the Commission Sportive Internationale, is considering a proposal that the fuel-carrying capacity of grand prix cars be progressively reduced over the next five years.
The suggestion, which comes

from the Formula One Association, representing most of the works teams, is that the maximum permitted fuel load, currenly fixed at 55 gallons, be reduced by 10 per cent each year, but that the current race distance of 200 miles should be retained. if adopted—and in the current campaign for fuel conservation the

proposal has obvious attractions— this could completely revolutionize racing engine development, trans-forming it from a horse power to an economy battle. Already there is widespread support for the proposal in Britain. Ford's motor sports director, 'Stuart Turner, in describing the scheme as a logical and sensible move, said yesterday:
"We are constantly trains to get "We are constantly trying to get the peak performance out of engines and maximum use of materials in the safest way, and such a plan must mean greater efficiency and economy
The scheme would also shelve
what looked to be an imminent and

costly horse power race between Ford and Ferrari. While the V8 Ford engine, manufactured by Cosworth Engineering, has powered the world champions' car for the seventh year in succession, there is no doubt that in 1974 the 12-cylinder Ferrari has been the more Cosworth are confident that they could match the Italian engine's horse-power figures (believed to be close to 500 bhp) but at a cost which few of the British-based teams could afford.

Newcombe beats Borg in rain affected match

Newcombe, surprisingly beaten by Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, on the opening day, clinched victory over Borg with two tie-breakers to win a service-dominated matrb by 7—6, 7—6.

When raid finally stopped play for the day, the Rumanian Lie Nastase, Masters champlon for the past three years, was leading

Mannel Orantes, of Spain, in the second match by 6—4, 3—1.

Because of rain interruptions, the Newcombe-Borg match took four and e half bours to complete. It was 8 vital meeting for both men. as only two players in their four-man preliminary group, decided on a round-robin basis, will qualify for the semi-finals. Vilas and the New Zealander, Onny Parun, whom Borg defeated yesterday, are the others in the group. Neither Newcombe nor Borg looked likely to get a service break until the fifth game when Borg double-faulted to trail 15—40, but be pulled up to deuce. Then Newcombe held two more breakpoints hefore a hilliant backhand

shot gave Borg the game. shot gave Borg me game.

The Australian again held two break-points in the lith game, and twice hed advantage, but Borg's lightning reflexes saved him after a thrilling rally.

In the first set tie breaker, Borg thick held set reduct but Newtonthe In the first set tie breaker, Borg twice held set point but Newcombe rallied to take it by mine points to seven. Rain stopped play after 15 minutes of the second set, with Newcombe leading 2—1 and the score at dence on Borg's service. But when they returned to court an hour later, Borg quickly finished off the game and they went to 5—all before more rain

Melbourne, Dec 11.—John Newcombe, of Australia, beat the young Swedish star, Bjorn Borg, in the only completed match on a rain-hit second day of the Masters Tennis Tournament here today.

Melbourne, Dec 11.—John Newcombe with the play for nearly two hours. On the resumption, Newcombe and then Borg held service to love. In the ne-breaker, the 30-year-old Australian fixed an acceptance of the play for nearly two hours. On the resumption, Newcombe and then Borg held service to love. In the ne-breaker, the 30-year-old Australian fired an ace to lead 3—1 and quickly wrapped It up hy seven points to three to win the match. Newcombe, three times a Wim

hledon champion, is to meet Onny Parun tomorrow in his remaining group match, and he said tonight his chance of making Saturday's semi-finals had now improved. "I think my odds are a little better now," he said. "If I beat Parun in straight sets I think Pll

Borg felt his chances had stipped despite his first round win over Parun. "I have still a small chance, but I think it will be very difficult", he said. "If I had won a set from Newcombe, I would bave had a better chance."

Nestase, who heat the Mexican Raul Ramirez on the first day, quickly found himself trailing Orantes today.

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From two games down, how-ver, the Rumation took four ever, the Rumation took four straight games and, apart from a scare when he double faulted on set point, carried on to win the set comfortably. And he gained an early break in the second set has a send to play before rain put an end to play

of the day.

Officials of the eight-man tournament said tomorrow's group matches would go on as scheduled, with Viles playing Borg and New-combe meeting Parun in the "blue group", and Nastase play-ing the American Harold Solomon and Orantes against Romirez in the "white" group. "white " group.

Nastere's menth against Orantes would be completed on Friday, when the other matches postponed from today—Vilas v Parum and Ramarez v Solomon—would also be observed.—Remer.

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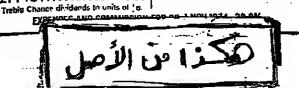
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beal Miss S. Barter (GB) 4—6.
5. New York, Dec 11.—jam nors, the Wimbledon and States champion, was rat

to the annual rankings is Association yesterday.

Stan Smith, who topp rankings in 1971 and 19 shared first place with t last year, is given second s time. The others In the are M. Reissen, R. Tam Ashe, T. Gorman, R. Stock



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Dec 11
estar 4 Derby County 1 by a dubiously given In the last moments of lefa Cup quarter final tie here, giving Velez a 5-4 aggregate victors, ke Derby County bitter te manner of their deparm Europe this season and protest to Uefa. To give much sympathy however, less than homest, for this lost in a first half when re three goals down and er how splendidly they d to come back in the Hector levelling the e score at 4-4-Velez ine and underrated team, ame echoed around the tained surrounding hills walls of this ciry of the last moments of

rained surrounding hills walls of this ciry of the ciry of the walls of the ciry of the many weeks injured. Locally seen as a "prince" reto restore his team desamt defeat at Derhy. Unall but one of their siches this season. Velez the Yugoslav World Cup make them holder. And id. tall. commanding a id, tall, commanding, a presence, he spread his presence, ne spread his on a grotesquely uneven ressing the ball as if on g green and floally scorwinning penalty. With fast mover along the e, and Halthodic, e hard ally, he put Derhy's early aded defensive intentions liste danger.

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Is David Mackay, the mager, had said be would sed if no goals were the first half hour, the just as I suspected, a lerestimate of the quality Bajevic contrived to see by were e gual down after

goal when Bajevic hit the bail across the goalmouth to Vukojc. Gemmili scemed to have the bail, hut lost it end slid on lato Vukoje crashing him into the mud. There was oo point in appealing against that penalty decision and Primorac scored although Boulton got a touch without enough power to stop it ening le stop it gning in.

Ocrby were immediately in a ponderous situation, not knowing whether to abandon the defence of a lead that had so soon dwindled to a single goal. Their uncertainty proved in favour of Velez who kept going forward, and in the 30th minute Vladic took a corner and Boulan punched direct to Peceli who brought the ball down on his clest before sinking in a goal thet hrought the score to 3-3 on aggregate with Velez in the comfortable position of having an away goal in their castle keep.

It disturbed and without the inifictive to grasp the game in midfield. Derhy drifted into irritability, Daniel and Rector having their names taken before, in the Sist minute, they seemed to be offered the chance of coming back when Vladic from two yards outside the penalty area. fairly proved in favour of Velez who kept

outside the penalty area. fairly blasted a shot with the outside of his foot. The ball rose, then dipped dangeroosly. Boulton made a gymnastic leap to fist the ball up and onto the bar, but it was moving so fast that it finished up in the net

fast that it fluished up in the net in any case.

Oerby's remaining hope lay in complete composure under all of their difficulties including their own inability to keep confident possession. Mr Mackay's recent tactical use of substitutes has been decisive, yet here it seemed a token measure when Davies took over measure when Davies took over from Bourne who had earlier hurt res and two within that irst 30 minutes nore Ironically, Gemmil, in who has said he would usible for keeping the



The Velez goalkeeper takes hald af a cross while Davies, the Derby aubstitute, follows up in hope.

Now with the tie back on a razin's edge, Derby were reprieved. Newton slapped the hall against a post and Builton saved against a post and Baulton saved them, diving yards across goal to stop a splendid fer curver ground sbot by Vukoje. The test turned from skill, in which Velez had proved themselves earlier but Derby were now becoming equally as good, to stamina. Yet in the end, neither skill nor stamina turned the match but a referee's doubtful decision.

doubtful decision,
Hadziabdic, the best defender on the field, made a lete sprint into the Derby penalty eree end attempted a shot that hit Todd's arm-there seemed no intention to handle but the referee gave the penalty and the great local hero.

Bajevic, was given the job of tak-ing a perfect shot past Boulton. A harsh moment perhaps but the re-sult was not unjustified and leaves

sult was not unjustified and leaves Britain with only nne representative in Europe, Leeds United in the European Cup.

Mr Alackay said efterwards that they would protest to Ucfa about the referee's handling of the whole game. He thought they were cheated by the penalty decision and the referee had favoured Velez throughout the game.

VELEZ MOSTAR: S. Mrgan; A. Moror, D. Hadriabdie, M. Coike, B. Primorac, V. Pecell, J. Topic, V. Hatlinder, D. Bajevic, F. Vindic, M. Vukole, D. DERITY COUNTY: C. Boullon; R. Woboler, R. Thomas, B. Ricch, Daniel, G. Todd, H. Newton, A. Gam-

ifening required before New Year

Fulham 0 Fulham were billed in the ark programme as "still t unpredictables of the hivisioo"; Cerdiff were from bottom even after six games without defeat, a fighting point at third-orwich on Seturday, So l back for some basement and this goalless draw Welsb side three places

all managers, Mr Stock rews, each heve central n loan lo an attempt to in front of their well-fences: Belfitt (Sunderfences: Belfitt (Sunder-Fulham and Finnieston for Cardiff. But Belfitt lowed by the uncompro-litable Morgan and Fin-was taken off early in the nalf. The evidence was 'all to see that these sides 'ffening if they wish to the stress of relegation in the New Year.

opening onslaught was after firm mid-field tack

left wing who has been posing problems to second division full hacks since the Welsb side began its mini-revival. Fullam's Cutbush was clearly in a quandary as Anderson took him at will. So Muliery saumered over to take personal charge—and was spoken to sternly by Mr Yeates for querying with large gestures his alleged trip as Anderson sped towards the box.

But perhaps Cardiff's build up played too predictably to this wing and Fulham's central defence, marshalled expertly by Moore and Lacy, their 6ft 3in centre half, absorbed crosses with time enough to play themselves ont of trouble. Bot the game settled into stalemate with a first genuine chance falling to Cardiff's Showers, a vastly improved striker, after 27 minutes from the sweetest of left foot crosses from Fimileston. Bot Slough raced back to prevent the coup de grace. But perhaps Cardiff's boild up

Slough raced back to prevent the coup de grace.

The first save for the two goal-keepers fell to Cardhf's Irwin 10 minutes later, with a point-blank punch away from Jim Couway's header and on halftime it was Buchana, who slipped one of Fulham's Eogland immortals to fire in Cardiff's first shot at Mellor.

Fifteen minutes into the second balf, Mr Andrews must have felt thet one, if not two, points were slipping away. So off came Finnieston, with Buchanan moving np in his place and Vincent came on in a bld for greater creativity in midfield. Mullery moved up to mark him, but chances now fell to Cardiff. Showers just failed to connect from Anderson's centre and when he fell beevily after an elegant nudge from Moore there were satirical whistles from an 8,000 crowd who remembered Moore's greater days Fifteen minutes into the second

8,000 crowd who remembered Moore's greater days

The last quarter saw Fulham moving up with greater abandon and raking through passes for their two "filers", John Conway and Barrett. The resulting sbots, though, were frustratingly off-target. And so this undistinguished game meandered on until they were all playing in time with Moore, who strolled off the field his usual immaculate self,

CARDIFF CITY: B. Levin: P.

CARRIST CITY: B. Irwin: P. Dwyer, F. Pethard, J. Buchanan, R. Morgan, A. Laringur, G. Recc., G. Scotth, D. Showers, S. Finnieston (sub J. Vinctot), W. Anderson.
FULHAM: P. Mellor; J. Cuibesh, L. Strong, A. Mutlery, J. Lacy, R. Moore, J. Conway, Jan Conway, R. Botth, A. Slough, L. Batrett.
Referent J. M. Young, (Redditch).

ores called up after only two games

t two full League games ogle goal to his credit, Is prise inclusion in Don England Under-23 party Wedoesday's metch with at Aberdeen. And nohody e surprised by his selectured George Eastham, his manager at Stoke and the will he in charge of the ingland side.

ust admit I was sur-said Mr Eastham. "He short on experience, but well for us in the two hich Don Revie's assistant il lad who came through

youth team to make a league appearance last doores has played two full in had a couple of substitutionary of the good in the air and imfast, said Mr Eastham, a Castla Banka will be in of the Under-23 party.

s plenty to learn still but
no telling what he can

ores, a 20-year-old striker do. He has lots of ability and this two full League games will give him a real lift." will give him a real lift."
Stoke's manager, Tony Waddington, was as delighted as Moores
himself with the selection. "I'm
not surprised. He's been on the fringe of hreaking through with Stoke for some time but we have introduced him gradually. He is a hig, well-built lad and has plenty of skill. We have high hopes of

Mr Revie also goes to Stoke for his other surprise choice, Hudson. The former Chelsea midfield man is one of the two "over age" players now allowed in Under-23 matches. The other is the Ipswich striker, Whymark and both have an opportunity to push their claims for a full international chance. Hudson has been in both full-Hudson has been in both full-international parties this season without getting into the actual team. A good performance against the Scots could earn him his first full cap and finally erase the mem-ory of the international ban which followed his refusal to go on an Under-23 tour two years ago.

Queen's Park Rangers' midfield man Gerry Francis, is the only full international in a powerful party which also includes Beattle, of ipswich. The powerfully-hullt Beattle, rohbed of a possible first full cap by injury in October, will relish this chance to reestablish his claim.

With no full International to con-With no full International to con-fuse his selection, Mr Revie has been able to give a clear indica-tion to his thinking for England's future, although club calls have probably ruled out Greenhoff, of Manchester United, Kennedy, of Newcastle, and Mills, of Middles-brough.

brough.

The luil squad is: M. Oay 'West Ham United: B. Siddall (Bolton Wanderes), G. Palmer (Wolverhampton: G. Gillard (Quoen's Park Rahaers). Powell 'Dorby County! T. Taylor 100': P. Thompson Leep County I The County Cou

nbledon over offer ıdrawn

e Best will not be turning the Southern League chub. .ion. Nor will he be guidwould-be FA Cup giantrom the boardroom numbers group which bad gotating to take over the written to the present swithdrawing their offer. kesman for the group also out that there was never estion of Best's being into the club. The matter n blown up out of all pro-", he said. "Best had to do with our offer. As playing for Wimbledon. I Manchester United would ad something to say about

er this week Wimbledon ild by Merton Council that re mable to belp ease the cash problems. Now the nt, Mr Bernie Coleman is to raise the £10,000 a year to cover losses through a ium of local people. tainly contribute if we can te other people prepared to £1,000 each ", he says.

Old pals act could help Maidstone in Cup match

Robin Stepney, the Maidstone manager, is relying on an old palsact to belp him overcome FA Cup second round opponents Swindon at the County Ground on Saturday and plans are already in band for a victory celebration.

a victory celebration.

"Jim Smith, the Colchester manager, supplied me with a rundown on them as soon as we knew the draw and he bas given me another breakdown since then", said Mr Stepney: "J've not seen tham at all but I feel I know a lot about them."

Mr Stepney edded "Since I took over as manager two seasons ago

Mr Stepney edded "Since I took over as manager two seasons ago I have always wanted to play against a league side and now that wish has been granted. The step after that will he to become coach to a league side."

The Maidstone manager has not ordered arm extra paining He

ordered any extra training. He said "We have never reached the second round before hut if I was to give the players extra training and take them away from their families they would clear to the families, they would start to get The players are really con-

fident and we have proved this season to be a better away side than we are at home so Swindon had better watch out. We haven the Swindon some respect for us."

A former Millwall player, Flume, has finished a week's suspension and will be available to play. Mr Stepney said "I've got other players like Bobby Hunt, Paul Kempton and Paul Everist in the squad all of wbom have played for league clubs so they know what it is all chort."

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Morton said "We are all very confident. This is the club that expects to win something and although we are very much the underdogs, we believe that we can win and that is all that matters. We all wanted e crack at a league club and we can his Swindon bard. Already most of the players are expecting to hear a good draw on

Newcastle retain Cup with two

extra time goals

Newcastle Utd 3 Southampton 0
Two goals in extra time enabled
Newcastle United to retain the
Texaco Cup when they beat
Southampton in the second leg of
the floal by 3-0 to win by 3-1 on
aggregate having lost 1-0 in the
first leg at the Dell.

Steele, the Southampton defender, was sent off after eight
minutes of extra time by the
Leicester referee, Gordon Hill,
after bringing down Burns. Steele
had earlier been "hooked".

Newcastle's greatest problem
was to cope with the ChannonOsgood menace, After 63 minutes
Tudor, the Newcastle forward,
replaced Hndson, making his first
team appearance. Nine minutes
later, Tudor scored after Turner
had pushed ont a shot by Macdecorded. had pushed out a shot by Mac-donald.

After 90 minutes with the score overall at 1-1 the match went into all the running. They went ahead after 113 minutes when Bruce drave bome from 12 yards. Two minutes later Cannell made certain for Newcastle by beading home a centre by Tudor. Mills, of Southampton, was also "booked"

Mr Robert Keens, the Luton Town chairman, has resigned. His place will be taken by the vice-chairman. Mr Len Hawkins, a 67vear-old renired hatmaker.

Yesterday's results

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oggregate; Dinamo Dreaden 2. SV
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aggregate; Primore won 6—5 on
aggregate; Borussia Mönchen Gladbach
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asgregate; Alax Amsterdam 2, Juventus
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watched them but the Swindon manager, Danny Williams, hes had us watched twice so he must be worried. It is his duty to have one look but when he comes back for a second time it proves they have A former Millwall player, Plume,

Rugby Union

Codd gets half his side's score

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent Middlesex 32

Middlesex 32 Hampshire 6
Middlesex, though missing
Ralston and Ripley up front, comfortably assured themselves of a
further interest in the South
Eastern group of the county
championship when they beat
Hampshire at Richmond yesterday by three goals, two penalty
goals and two tries to two penalty
goals. Their full back, Codd, got
the first try bimself, and kicked
all their goals and was thus
resposible for 15 of the points.

A triple tie at the top now A triple tie at the top now involves a couple of play-off games to decide the regional champions. The draw, indiciously made in advance against this possibility, gives Eastern Counties a bye and tha necessity, then, of playing the winners between Surrey and Middlesex. The first game will be played on Surrey territory next Middlesex. The first game will be played on Surrey territory next Wednesday, the second probably on January 8. A decision whether Surrey and Middlesex meet under floodlights is expected today, Thursday. Since hoth these teams have already played Eastern Counties away, one or the other will play the decisive one at home. will play the decisive one at home. Hampshire are a raw-looking side and, from the moment early on when Middlesex missed out a centre and a yawning gap opened up for Cndd to score his try, their defence was always suspect. By the last quarter it was coming apart at the seams, policeman Tiddy (a Cornishman) was pounding a swift and powerful beat on the right wing, and forwards and backs alike were enjoying a series of relaxed attacks.

of relaxed attacks.

The Scottish national selector,
George Thomson, having watched
Tuesday's University match, now
observed, among others, the performances of Friell and Birkett in
the Middleser centre. He must the Middlesex centre. He must have been impressed by the strength and the pace of the one and the stylish running of the other.

other.

Codd falled to convert his own try from a not difficult position down wind hut judged the elements to perfection when wafting over a penalty goal from faront on the right, and just afterwards kicked another goal when Maclean got try No 2 Heal's kick was dashingly picked up by Lavery, who catapulted out of a mckle to feed Birkett. Mackenzie was up in support and from his linside pass Maclean supplied the last thrust. At this point Fryatt landed an excellent penalty goal for Hampshire and then, returning to his position at full back, somehow contrived to twist an ankle—a mishap that obliged his eventual retirement in the last quarter.

quarter.

Middlesex looked to have scored again when Birkett dummied his way over the line, but be lost control at the critical moment, Codd then kicked another penalty goal from in front of the posts and Middlesex turned round 16—3 to the good, Heal and Pickering lannched the third Middlesex try. Tiddy's strength lending useful impetus and change of direction, and Heal sent in Barlow on a curving run that ended close to the posts.

curving run that ended close to the posts.

Fryatt kicked another penalty, Hambrook made a rare Hampshire break in midfield, whereupon Ridout with a blind side break launched a 75 yard movement involving Wright, Barlow and, finally, Friell. Fryatt was replaced by Loveday at flank forward, Rea moving to the centre and Hudson to full back where he at once brought off a fine tackle against Tiddy, Heal narrowly missed a drop shot, and then Mackenie and Pickering set up a ruck, Codd came in and Middlesex spun it down the line and Birkett took Lavery's inside pass for the fifth try. pass for the fifth try.

The morale of some players who, contrary to official advice, left cash and valuables in the dressing rooms was not lifted afterwards when they found their possections had been riled dwarf.

afterwards when they found their possessions had been rifled during the Eame.

MIDLESEX: R. A. Codd (Rosslym Price).

Billed S. Tiddy (Necropolitan Police).

Billed (Landon Scottish). P. Lavery (London Irish): M. G. Heal (London Scottish): T. C. Claxton (Hariequina). M. Rocks (Hariequina). R. W. J. Wright (London Scottish). R. A. Mackenziellondon Scottish). R. A. Mackenziellondon Scottish). R. M. Mackenziellondon Scottish. Capit R. Macican Hariequina. M. Hawati. H. Kambrook (US Portsmouth). J. Loveday (US Portsmouth). R. Serishon (Hawati). M. Rambrook (US Portsmouth). R. J. Liddist (Basinastole): S. Turner (US Portsmouth). R. J. Liddist (Basinastole): S. Turner (US Portsmouth). A. Bley (US Portsmouth). R. Jalley (Hawati). R. Reason (US Portsmouth). R. Jalley (Hawati). R. Referres: J. Straughan (Durham). Referres: J. Straughan (Durham).

Referee: J. Straughan (Durham).

Cycling -South American team to ride in Milk Race

A South American team with cyclists from Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Colombia may make their first challenge in the Milk Race next year. These four countries have been invited to form a six-man team and a Brazilian husinessman is understood to be prepared to pay the air fares.

Denmark, who last contested the event in 1964 have been invited, together with The Notherlands, the winners of the last four individual titles and team champions this year. year.

The nine overseas countries in-The nine overseas countries in-vited incinde the United States, Sweden, France, Poland, Czecho-slovakia and Ireland and there will also be two British teams. But the possibility of a challenge by pro-fessingals has been ruled out. Their inclusion would have meant the loss of the event's A category

Hockey

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Com-wall 2. Oxford and Cambridge Normads 2. United Banks 2. Insurance H.A. I. ROYAL NAVY CUP—Final: H.M. I. Callingwood I. H.M.S. Oxprey 3. LONDON UNIVERSITY CUP—Second round: London Hospital 5. Kine's round: London reschibited College 1. MATCHES; Imperial College Control 2; Kingston G.S. 1, H.A.

Ice hockey NATIONAL LEAGUE, Montreat Canodiens 5, Minnesoto North Stars, 3: New York Islanders 5, St Louis Bines 2: Roston Brains 6, Kansas City Scouts C: Vancouver Canacks 3, California Golden Seals 0.

Christchurch, Dec 11.-Three Olympic champions will be among a powerful party of 31 Russians who will take part in the inaugural New Zealand Games here next month, the organizers said today.



Hollins scores a try fur Eastern Chunties during yesterday's game

Kent rally thwarted by a late Eastern Counties penalty goal

By Gordon Allan

Kent 14 Eastern Counties 17
Eastern Counties beat Kent by a goal, a penalty goal and two tries to a goal and two tries to a goal and two tries to a goal and two tries to become Involved in a three-way play-off for the south-eastern divisional thie in the county rugby championship. They have been divisional champions for the lest two years.

Half and for most of it had little difficulty in confining Kent to the area of their own 25. Their pack drove a hard bargain and Page scored their first try after 15 minutes. He, Hollins and Callum Tarrell burst through almost to the line, end Jones finished it off. Jenkins converted.

Page scored Counties' second

divisional champions for the lest two years.

On a bright but hitter afternoon the standard of play never touched the heights. All the same, in one respect at least, this was a remarkable match, because Countles were 14—0 ahead at balf-time and Kent were level after 27 minutes of the second half. It was left to Jenkins to gain Countles what they wanted by the unpopular means of a penalty. Jenkins and Simmons missed six penalties between them for Countles in the first half. If they had kicked a couple instead, they would have saved their side a lot of trooble. lot of trooble. a lot of troohle.

Counties, five of whose first choice backs were down with lnfluenza, played with a strong breeze behind them in the first

the line, end Jones finished it off. Jenkins converted.

Page scored Counties' second try ten minutes later. Counties' forwards held the ball at a five-yerd scrummage and pushed kent remorselessly back. Then Page picked up and dived over, Saunders got their third try in injury time. It originated from a set scrummage near the Kent line. Hollins was held but Page was able to give Saunders his chance.

The second half might beve belonged to a different match. Now it was Kent who made all the aggressive ooises. Cambridge gave them the Impetus they needed with e try after 15 minutes. Kent won e lineout, Cooke opened op Counties' defence and Cambridge reached the corner before the coverers could reach him.

Bushell missed a long penalty for Kent hut Edington went over for a try soon afterwards, Anderson and Bird baving combined well at close quarters. Bushell converted. And two minutes later, to complete Kent's purple patch. Sibley scored in the other corner, the result of another hreak by Croke supported by Bird Howe Cooke, supported by Bird, How-ever, not long before no-side, Kent were penalised at a set scrummage were penalised at a set scrummage on their 25, almost in ine with the posts, and this time Jenkins did not miss. Kenf deserved better.

KENT: K. aushell Harlequinst; D. Sibley i Sidcup), D. Cooke Harisquins, T. Hodson i Blackheathl. T. Cambridgo (Wasps): N. Clarke 1 Maidstone: M. Anderson i Wasps): A. Trollor i Tophridge: A. aowier (Ton-McGarthy Loughborough Colleges).

EASTERN COUNTES: D. Simmonds (Rossign Park); C. Kidman (Cambridge): A. Jenkins (Loughborough Colleges).

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Surrey need skill second time round

Sussex 8 Surrey 32
Surrey disposed of Sussex, the last of their original opponents in the south-eastern group of the Rugby Union county championship, on a fine bit bitterly cold afternoon at Whitemans Green, Cuckfield, yesterday. It was a victory that in effect gave them a second chance at the group title, and with it a place in the semi-final round against Lancashire at and with it a place in the semifinal round against Lancashire at
Blindell Sands on February 22.

Shoold Surrey succeed, the
others locked at the bead of the
group—Eastern Countes and
Middlesex, both of whom won their
marebes yesterday—will heve been
beaten, presumably, by a stronger,
more skilful, more purposeful and
more resonreful combinanon
than that which sauntered and
swooned in the thin air of Sussex
by the sea. Surrey won by three
goals, two tries and two penalty
goals to two tries, so there was
no question that Surrey were the

better side, and they proved it so.
Yet, it is doubtful if they would
wish to be reminded of this afternoon in December. Even if one
were to concede that it was a painfully cold afternoon and thet
bandling of a bard, white plestic
coated ball was difficult, foo many
players made too many mistakes.
By balf time when Surrey had
laborlously gathered 11 points,
they seemed to be in need of a

mond (two) and Biggar also scored tries. The most thrilling of seven in the efternoon was that by Meredith who eclipsed another good one for Sussex by Pope with an astonishing run of 70 yards down the left wing. In which all the while Meredith managed to hold off a furious challenge by his pursuers, Hughes and Hooke.

SUSSEX: R. Wilcox (Lewis): R. Hopking (Briphton): R. Elka (Hassings and aexhibit. P. Baker (Haywards College of Education.

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(Rosslyn Park): A. Shoriland (Waspa),
J. Sond (Richmond), P. Kinton (Rosslyn Park), Capitall). N. Mantall (Rosslyn Park),
J. Battersby (Camberley),
Legg (Harlequins), M. Zlogar (London
Scotilsh), P. Heam (Richmond).

Reieree: V. T. Mortin (Cornwall).

Wasps boosted by New Zealanders

Four New Zealanders, recent arrivals in Britain, hoosted the playing staff of Wasps when they turned up at the training ground this week and insisted on joining the club. All of them, from the North Shore club in Auckland, gain places in club sides this Saturday.

day. Hod Rickett, 23-year-old Maori who is 6ft 6in and weighs 16st has represented Auckland. He also went to Queensland and played for them against the All Blacks on their last tour.

McNeil, 25-year-old fly balf, in the Wasps Wanderers side against Metropolitan Police at Imher other two " All Blacks", winger Grego Garden, and centre Steve Power, play for Wasps "A". Wasps welcome back forwards

Adam and Mordell in the first team, home to London Scottish. They were on duty in the England regional trial last Saturday and reolace Shortland and Cooper. Team: their last tour.

Ricket plays at lock, with another New Zealander, Barry

Team:

H Anderson, n. Gardiner, N. French, T. Cambridge, I. Beil: G. Jones, J.

The Glasgow XV to play Edinburgh in the schools inter-city rugby match at Westerlands on Friday, December 27 (2.0) is:

E. J. Riley (Lenzle Academy); G. W. Ulliamson (Kelvinside Academy); E. F. David (Mulchesons GS. G. H. Dunkley (Glasgow Hal); O. M. Ashion (Prostwick Academy); W. F. Thomson (Glasgow Academy); J. F. Brown (Ayr Academy); R. P. Marchest (St. Aloysus College McLaushill Mart College 15 (Osvidson Lenzie Academy); A. Braidwood (Hutchesons GS); A. F. Peat (Illmarnock Academy); J. A. Braidwood (Hutchesons GS); A. F. Peat (Joroanhill) College School); G. W. Siewart (Lenzie Academy). The Glasgow XV to play Edin

Squash rackets

Group of Pathans may have the last word

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent The field of 64 for the British amateur squash rackets champion-ships, which begins at Wemhley today, includes players from four continents and 11 countries. Europe (32) and Africa (18) provide the numerical bulk. But the final arguments are likely to rest with a group of Pathans who all have, family allegiances with a village near Pestawar.

If the seedings work out, the last eight will line up as follows: Mohibullah v Scott (SA1; Ayron (GB1 v Saleem; Mashet (SA) v Muneer; Barrow (SA) v Zaman. Of the Paldstaui seeds Mohibullah won last year's final from Zaman and Muneer has reached the last from puice. Saleem once.

four twice, Saleem once.

No Bridsh player has reached the final since Jonah Barrington won the title for the third succession.

Philip Ayton, five times in the last eight, and Michael Corby, runner-up in Barrington's last two cham-

Hunt, Alauddin and Nancarrow, heve joined blm in the professional ranks. It will be no sorprise if any or all of the top three seeds at Wembley, Mohibuliah, Zaman and Muneer, do the same next month. In contemplaing such a step they may be embarrassed by a step they mey be emburrassed by a clash of dates. Pakistan's amateur International series with Great Britain ends four days after the suitt of a qualifying compenion for a £12,000 eight-men series of all-play-ell tournaments sponsored hy British Caladonian airways and the Yellow Dot sports goods company. An amateur international chance to take e bite at £12,000 ? The Pathans must choose. So many leading players have innction with the presence of the become professionals that, except for such big-entry events as the game's progress in Scandinavia.

pionships, are in the same section of the draw and shoold assure the home country of a place in the quarter-final round. One could even advance a round farther at the expense of Saleem.

Three of Barrington's successors, Hunt, Alauddin and Nancarrow, heve joined blim in tha professional ranks. It will be no sorprise if any or all of the top three seeds at Wembley, Mothbullah, Zaman and Muneer, do the same next compenition. competition.

On the credit side, the players who have emerged from e 100who have emerged from the total strong qualifying competition to take their places in the main draw at Wemhley include such men as the Finnish champlon, Harri Brubt, aged 20, who bas recently benefited from the tactical advice of Bill Hunt, brother of the Brinsh open champion. Bruht plays Aladin Allouba (Egypt) in a first round match that, taken in coninnction with the presence of three Swedes, speaks volumes for the

Table tennis

Barnes takes on a Chinese player

The English champion, Chester Barnes, has been drawn against one of the strong Chinese contingent in the first round of the men's singles in the Norwich Union international table tennis championships at Brighton on January 9 to Yen Kno-Chaing is not one of China's many world-ranking players, but is still certain to provide formidable opposition for the 27-year-old Barnes, who makes few competitive appearances these

competitive appearances these days.

If he wins this match Barnes's the names of the Chimese and

the world. In the same quarter, too, is England's Denis Neale, from Middleshrough, who is seeded sixth. He reached the semi-final round last year and his first round opposent is the Yugoslav, Miroclav Savnik The draw was made in slav Savnik. The draw was made in

problems will not be over. He is then almost certain to clash in the second round with the top seed, Sarkhis Sarkhojan, of the Soviet Union, He ranks No 13 in the world.

Russian contenders were not available. The Soviet Union provides three of the eight men's singles seeds. England's Jill Hammersley is second favourity for the available. singles behind the Russian Zoya Rudnova. Mrs Hammersley also opens her challenge egainst e Chinese, Yen Kui-Li.

Seeds in draw order;
M: N Sarkhoten (1) SSR). Neale
| England: Sirokalov (USSR). U Ching| Kuene (China: Comozkov (USSR).
| Konz (Czechostova is). Karakasevie
| Yugoslavia). Serrotin (France).
| WOMEN: Rudnows (USSR). Yu Chin| Chua (China: (V. Federova (USSR). J.
| Hammersiey (CB).

rs Moser will find it hard proving she is still best

ter than seventh place after g out of line in the opening at Val d'Isère a week ago ill want to prove bere that still the world's number

ever, snow and visibility ions that handicap such specialists as the Austrian

ina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Dec be Austrian world cham-Annemarie Moser, will he revenge in the women's fill event of the World Cup importow. She could manage ter than seventh place after S30 metre drop to imin 32.6.38ct.
Mrs Moser was sixth in Imin
33 74sec on the first of the two
last practice runs, and fell on the
second. Second fastest was Marle.
Therese Nedig. of Switzerland, in
Imin 32.93sec, and third Canade's
Elizabeth Chifford in Imin

Competitors described the run, with its 14 directional gates and

Its four hraking gates as technically very difficult. The chief bazard is a treacherously icy S-bend half-way down. Light snow and mist cut down visibility and slowed down the times in the final prac-tices, which were delayed by two bours before conditions were good enough to go. The mist thickened in the second of today's practice runs, held immedletely after the end of the first, and best times were, on average, one second slower. Lack of snow forced the nrganlzers to shorten the downhill run by 500 metres. The course is

covered with only a thin coat of snow and this will help the hard-snow specialists such as Miss Jecot and Miss Nadig. Unless there is a significant snowfall during the night, and unless visibility improves Considerably over today's conditions, there could be some conditions, there could be some hig upsets tomorrow.

BEST PRACTICE TIMES: 1, M. Jacoi France: Imin 30. 82asc; 2, M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland: Imin 32, 45asc; 3, C. Children (Canada) Imin 35, 17asc; 4, C. Nejson (US: Imin 35, 35asc; 5, O. Debernard: France: Imin 35, 46asc; 6, A. Moser (Austria) Imin 35, 46asc; 6, A. Moser (Austria) Imin 35, 74asc; 7, R. Millermaler (W. Germany: Imin 34, 12asc; 6, W. Devol (Austria) Imin 34, 12asc; 6, W. Devol (Austria) Imin 36, 04asc; 10, B. Schroell (Austria) Imin 36, 04asc; 10, B. Schroell (Austria) Imin 35, 07asc.—Revier,

Back beyond square one in Ulster's aim of power-sharing

Faced with Incal dissidence, it is natural for a government to look for e local solution. Reconcilistion between Unionist and Nationalist is the immediately obvious thing to work for in Northern Ireland, and powersharing the immediately obvious policy approach.

Power-sharing, certainly, is a splendid policy for London and Dublin politicians. In urging reconciliation on Unionist and Nationalist they can feel they are on the side of the angels; because power-sharing is a policy strictly local in its application, it has the advantage of minimizing London and Dublin involvement; and if it breaks down, it is the local politicians who will seem to be responsible

It has not proved such a good policy for the Northern Irish. Far from the Sunningdale experiment improving matters in the North, it bas ended up with northern politics being more polarized than ever. And, indeed, it is nothing new for London policies to rebound in this way. Since 1968, moderate Unionist leader after moderate Unionist leader has been discredited trying to push through, at London's urging, policies which Unionist voters would not stomach. It is time to ask whether there is not something fundamentally wrong with London's (and indeed Dublin's)

view of the whole affair.

The vital, immediate question is: "How can a peaceful future for the people of Northern Ireland here he ensured?" The trouble is that (because of a natural wish in London and Dublin to keep the whole nasty issue at arm's length?) this is paraphrased to read: "What political institutions are best for Northern Ireland?"

But the two questions are by no means the same. The basic issue of Northern Irish politics is not about bow the provice should he ruled, but about whether the province should be a separate political unit at ell. Nationalists want Irelend to be u oited: Unionists want to keep it divided. The existence of Northern Ireland as a separate unit is evidence of the Unionists' success, at least to dete. To propose power-sharing in Northern Irisb politics as a in

means of reconciling Unionist calling together a group wbo want to live io e bouse and a group who want to pull it down and suggesting that the quarrel he resolved by the two groups getting together to maintain the building. It cannot work. Unionists, as people, would

alongside Nationalists, people; but, as Unionists, they side Nationalist is to show that the British Crown. a united Ireland would work; and no party can reasonably be expected to make nonsense of lts basic political tenet. When Unionists say they

accept power-sbaring but not a Council of Ireland, they are in fact demonstrating the impossibility of effective power-sbaring; for what they are really saying is that powersharing is only possible about relatively triviel issues. On the only important issue—the constitutional issue—they dare consent to no tinge of Nationa-

and the only loyalty which iden-tifies itself with Northern Ireland is Protestant Unionism. If Northern Ireland political institutions are to he effective, they must be based oo Protestant Unionism : and no one need be shocked that in the aftermath of Sunningdsle, moderateminded Unionists bave turned away from moderate leaders towards extreme politicians they would not normally care for. At a time of crisis, they were turning away from leaders who had nothing to offer but powersharing (and consequent disorder) to men who represented the only possible source of co-berent leadership for Northern Irisb institutions — Protestant

Unionism.

The attempt over the past five years to get for Nationalists a share of power in the province's affairs was vain from the begin-ning. We are back where we started; indeed further back still, for the present Unionist leaders are extreme men who would never bave been choseo fivs years ago. No Irishman need be surprised if, in the aftermath of the Birmingham horror, British people are in no mood for concessions to Irish nstionelism; yet the fact of Irish nationalism remains, and as long as the constitution of Northern Ireland makes no concessioos to its existence, the IRA will be able to claim a monopoly of the lrish nationalist cause, will continue to get recruits, and will continue to plague the people of these

What can be done? Nothing clearly inside the context of Northern Irish representative institutions; that is to invite disorder. London and Dublin must eccept that the Irish question cannot be properly dealt with for so long as they try and deal with it at arm's length, through the medium of a hopefully-pliant Northern Assembly whose mem-hers are expected to do whet London and Duhlin want them do-and to sacrifice their political lives when things go wrong. The only meaningful concession to Irish nationalism is the creation of an all-Irish institution with powers bowever small, and if such sn institution is ever to be created, it will bave to be done directly by London and Dublin, without seeking the

consent of Belfast. But talk of concessions to lrish nationalism is fanciful at the moment. The real immediate need is to get understanding of the basic facts; that, for with Nationalist is rather like instance, attempts to foster power-shariog make matters worse, not better. Further, that the Irish question is not just a local sectarian squabble, to be solved by tinkering with the province's internal politics.

It also concerns the partition the island of Ireland; most no doubt he happy to work of the tragic loss of life there has been occurred, not in Catholic-Protestant violence, bot cannot afford to. To belp show in the pursuance by the IRA of that Unionist can work along what it regards as a war against

Again, if London will not integrate the province in the United Kingdom, and if there is not to be an iodependent Ulster or a united Ireland, there must be regional institutions in Belfast: and London must stand over the fact that, if these institutions are to work, they must he expressions of Protestant Unionism. When these facts are digested there will at least be a realistic basis for policies to deal with Irish nationalism and the IRA.

list involvement.

Regional institutions must he based on the regional loyalty—

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Ronald Butt

EEC: the terms and the referendum

ment of the European Community have wanted to know from Mr Wilson this week is wbetber, if they give him the improved membership terms demanded. Britain will stay in the EEC or, at least, whether the Government will throw its full weight behind advice to the British people that they should vote to stay in, when the now apparently inescapable referen-

dum day arrives. What Mr Wilson, in contrast, wants from the rest of the EEC is improved conditions of membership, or terms, which trust to his halanced assertion that he wants to stay in but will be advised to let the British people leave if the terms are not "right". Mr Wilson has stuck firmly to his claim that the argument is about the terms and nothing but the terms, and that no question of principle is involved.

Nor, for Mr Wilson, Mr Callaghan and most of the Cshinet, is there a question of principle. But for the majority of active Labour supporters, and for the TUC, the basic objection from which the renegotistion of the "terms" has been Mr Wilson's escape route—is essentially one concerning the principle of membership. Whatever improvement in the terms Mr Wilson and Mr Callagban can achieve, the question on which anti-marketeers will huild their case in the refsrendum campaign will he one of principle-

the principle of sovereignty.
This will be the issue to which they (and other prominent anti-EEC campaigners, including Mr Powell) will direct the attention of the British people, not to the terms: it will be foolish for politicians not to address their thinking to the likelihood that it will be far easier for the verage citizen to make up his mind on this simple point, in

to tha fundamental argument.

Community will be subsumed in the economic cataclysm which they foresee next year, with a 25 per cent or more inflation rate and the hreakdown of the social contract. Some argue that we may yet see Mr Wilsoo going to the country at the bead of some sort of government. Conservative supported, standing for responsible economic management and membership of the EEC.

But for practical purposes, it should be assumed that there will be a referendum and that if (which is anything but certain! Mr Wilson recommends 'yes", Mr Benn, Mr Sbore and Mr Foot will be allowed to speak their minds against mem-bership on the point of sovereignty, and to do so from inside the Government under an agreement to differ from their colleagues, on the understand-ing that they will accept the verdict of the British people. wbatever thet may be.

Mr Wilson will not find it easy to defeat such opposition. Even assuming he gets im-proved terms for the British contribution to the EEC budget, and on agriculture, it is not clear how these, or changes on any of the other issues being negotiated, can be represented as e fundamental answer to the objection to membership on the grounds of sovereignty which is held by those m whom sovereignty is the major issue. What is more, the argument will be further confused by an illogicality which lies at the heart of the case of those anti-Marketeers who are in the Labour Party. Theoretically the light of his instincts, belief (despite the xenophobia which and (if you like) prejudices, afflicts very many Labour supthen to decide by an evaluation porters, particularly where (despite the xenophobia whico

terms have been significantly an internationalist party; why improved and whether such then should it object to mem-improvement makes any differ- batship of an internationalist body like the EEC?

The answer that anti-Market Theoretically, it is conceivable Socialists now give is that by that there will be no referendum membership of the community, and some Conservatives believe the British people would be that the whole question of the surrendering their right to give or withhold their consent, through Parliament, to many hasic acts of government. (The fact that the principle of the referendum itself undermines the authority of Parliament is skated over). Pointing to the extent to which Ministers already find their scope for decision restricted by law which is made in Brussels, they assert the particular danger of such a development at a time when the task of restoring public consent to the acts of government is more essential than ever before.

> argument to this objection internationalistwhich an internationalist-socialist logicelly ought to meet. What if the Community itself should invent genuinely demo-cratic, as well as supra-national institutions? What if every British voter should, eventually, be able to vote for a genuinely democratic and elected Euro-pean Parliament to which a European Government responsible for that part of law which was "European" rather than national? Can it no: be arguen that if the assignment given this week to M Tindemans, the Belgium Prime Minister, to work out a scheme for direct elections by 1979 comes off, this kind of supra-nation alism could become a realizy?

There is, however, a counter-

Certainly, the end of the Council of Ministers' unanimity rule which is the present guardian of national sovereigoty, would only be tolerable if such a democratic system for Europe could be created. However, that is something that is very much in the future, and the present British Governmen: bas strong reservations about encouraging the development of the EEC in so federalist a direc-

point of sovereignty, therefore will assert that any bope of a genuinely democratic supra-nationalism in Europe is too far ahead to be taken account of in the present argument. Yet however one looks at it, the argument can he made to come hack to the question of "sovereignty"-a vague term which can be used variously to indicate the "sovereignty of the people" and the "sovereignty of Parliament" and which will be none the less potent in e

reterendum campaign

account of that ambiguity.

It Mr Wilson bas to counter

the argument that we are joining an institution whose future development is unforeseeable. there is perbaps a further escape route that he could use. referenda are to be an instrument of the British constitution next year (assuming Parliament agrees which is by no means yet certain) why should they not be employed over future European Community questions too? would, I suppose, be open to Mr Wilson to say that, in vot-ing "yes" to the terms as they stand now, and to membership the Market in its present shape, the electorate would not he giving cart-blanche to any future development which might subordinete national sovereignty to supra-nationalism.

He could. I suppose, promise that if M Tiodemans work leads to firm propositions for fundamental changes in the institution of the Community, the British people would have the right to pronounce upon these in a further referendum when the time comes. The referendum idea is such a Pendora's box that who knows where it might not lead? But however one looks at it, it is difficult to escape from the probability that Mr Wilson will find it very difficult to keep the voters ettention on the terms and nothing but the terms when be puts the questions to them.

argue that ao auction is likely

to hring a new record price level which will outdistance the advantages of a negotiated pri-

It has been suggested that a

private offer before the sale from the National Gallery,

grossed up to take account of

he painting would not be sold.

That this was, in fact, the deal

ax edvantage would remain.

o future.

Bernard Levin

The bell tolls again on Robber Island

Amid the extraordinary events of the last few days in Southern blind and horrible inbu Africa, it is easy, so strong a force is bope, to forget the ancient rule that, where tyrants are concerned, we must pay attention m their actions and not their words. Mr Vorster said last month, and subsequently repeated, that "startling changes" would he coming in South Africa within six months. I am, perfectly prepared to helieve bim ex post io Cape Town. facto, but not a minute before: if be will show us the changes, we will consider them. And today, as it happens, I am in a position to suggest one startling change to him that could be carried into effect immediately, without South Africa collapsing in ruins, and even

their own washing-up. I wrote some time ago about conditions on Robben Island, where many of South Africa's political prisoners are kept, and the way in which the authorities were trying to destroy these uncomfortable reminders of the fact that tyranny inevitably breeds resistance to it. Nobody who sew Athol Fugsrd's play The Island, when it was running in London earlier this year, will forget the doublesided portrait it gave of South Africa's most notorious prison camp; on one side, the dasperate need of South Africa to break or silence the witnesses against her, and on the other their refusal to he hroken or

without the housewives of the

more expensive Johannesburg

suburbs being compelled to do

They do, however, die, a naturel process which is greatly encouraged by the cooditions on Robben Island. One who recently obliged the authorities in this manner was a Mr Julius Nkumbuzi, who was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment for the offence of breaking his 'haoning" order: that is, he stepped ontside the magic pentacle which the South African regime inscribes sbout those who embarrass it. Nkumbuzi was confined to certain areas of Johannesburg, and went outside: for that alone he was jalled and, when he had a year

ax advantages, was used by the nf his sentence to go, was trans-Normanions as the auction seserve, or price below which ferred to Rohhen Islend. He was soon very seriously ill (it is not eotirely clear whether be was ill before the transfer, and if so whether the authorities is would certainly he a highly intelligent method of operation for other galleries to imitate sent him to the island knowing of his condition), suffering from a lung disease which was either is more doubtful. Lord Normanton sold the paioting to his phthisis or lung cancer, and he was in either case incurable.

The South African Prisons Act provides for the release, wife a week before the sale which appears to rule out any on compassionate grounds, of incurably ill prisoners; oo dis-tinction is made in the legislaestate dury advantages that might have been available on his own inheritance of the work. The more modest capital gains ition between political and nonpolitical ones, hut in practice the authorities do not release So theory number two is that the auction was used as a means dying politicals, possibly thinkof determining a fair price for the gallery to pay for the paint-ing—they would cap the last true bid in the auction room. It is believed that the price ing that, since anyone who questions the hasis of South African society must be in league with the devil, it would not be beyond the cepacity of paid by the gallery was around £250,000; the last bid was 240,000 gns or £252,000. How bigb would the National Gallery His Satanic Majesty to raise them from the dead. Anyway, Nkumbuzi was not released : indeed, for some time he was not bave gone? Patrick. Lyndsay hastened to assure me after the even taken to e hospital ont-side the island, but treeted there. Eventually, however, be sale that any bidder who had was sent, under guard and with soma other seriously ill prisoners, to bospital in Cape Town, but his case was hopeless. So he was taken back to been prepared to pay enough could have secured the painting at the auction; tha reserve, be suggested, was only modestly heyond the bny-in price. Robben Island, and died there. In Paris the national museums have the right to preempt a work of art at the price offered by the last auction bidder. Is Indeed, not only was he re-fused the grace of dying among his own family; when he was on the point of death be was this practice now being intro-duced in England without anytaken to an unoccupied part tof the prison, so that be died quite alone, without even bis fellow-prisoners to comfort

A further example of the South African ties is provided by it of another Robbeo prisoner called Sileog also died on the island case even the medical ties of the prison had mended his release () cancer of the liver annot have survived), hut not permitted. Not e body was returned to ! tives (he was a Namibi was huried by the aut

Now bere, as I sav. i fect opportunity for Mr demonstrate to the that he is willing to k promise of "startling cl in South Africa: nother all, could be more start. that he should hegin to : political prisoners with and humanity, and sinc Africa can get no con gain from the kind of ci present practised again he would, if he were I the immediate release ously ill prisoners (my tion is that there are more of these on Robbe alone), begin to persua of the sceptical that he posing to keep his word

For one man, si announcement would c late: I learn that (" Bram ") Fischer. one very few men denounc Communist by the South authorities who actua ooe, is dying to Pretoria a fall in prison a few we in which he injured l during the consequent o extensive cancer wa covered; be is now in side bospital, guarded oot expected to live lon Great king, within thi

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Fischer's life poses in

form the problem that ponent of tyranny mu what should be our at those who oppose one in the cause of another ing aside such special e war for survivalobviously right to be all Soviet Communism Nazism, even though the was as evil as the latte right to work on liberty with those who elsewhe against her? I am in r at all in my own case circumstances whateve I take part io any join or action or campaigo the Soviet Union wit who support South A: vice versa. But it is in to withhold admiration Fischer for the fight he whatever his own ultima against South Africa ba it is oo less right to him with sympathy io magnificent efforts as in the two great South show trials "-the Rive of the African leaders, ludicrous mass reaso which collapsed in l ignominy—would earn him a place on, of honour inscribed > names of those who ha was jailed for life wot wise ensure that be among those who have ago, Vorster, in the fa (even so impeccably " figure ss Dr Christiaan joined it), said hluntly while I'm alive ". In cumstances, this would apt moment for a sign intends to redeem his that South Africa v

Times Newspapers L

Seeing fair play in the auction room

Public auctions are basically straightforward affairs hut there are many ways that an expert can play them to his advantage. Some of these are frowned on while others elicit no more than a knowing wink. It is, however, entirely new for a national institution to " play " an auction to its advan-tage. This is what appears to have happened in the case of the Normanton Parmigianino.

Sent for sale at Christie's on November 29, it was bought in at the auction at 260,000gns with the Louvre as the under-bidder. Immediately after the sale it was announced that the National Gallery had purchased the painting privately for an undisclosed price. The National Gallery's interest in the paint-ing was no secret before the sale and it is generally assumed that the reason they chose not to hid at the auction itself was due to some prior arrangement with the Norman-

The gallery is refusing categorically to give any details of the deal. Other hidders and collectors interested in the painting are not surprisingly angry at this. If the ground rules for the sale of major works from English collections at auction have been changed those who are likely to be competing when other works come up for sale—and wealth tax could hring many great works on m the market—would like to know the terms on which they are competing.

Professor John Hale, chair-nan of the trustees of the man of the trustees of the National Gallery, comments that the gallery's primary responsi-bility to the public is to acquire What you don't know <u>can</u> hurt you. great paintings for the national collection. They are entilled to use the best means available to do this and there is no reason



why they should lose their advantage hy talking about it. Besides if they do not respect the confidentiality of an agreement with an owner, other owners will be discouraged from approaching the gallery. Patrick Lyndsay, director of Christie's picture department, said desper-ataly: "If you knew the details of the arrangement I am sure you would consider it entirely honourable." I am sure people

would—if they knew.
Of the several theories advanced on the natura of the deal, one is particularly impor-

time) was peddled again with clearly paternal pride.

The British delegation took

suggestion, when the

special pride in James Calla-

regional fund was under dis-

cussion, that the British would

opt out completely if that was

what the other eight would pre-fer. Giscard, whose remarks had opened the door for this

suggestion, apparently caught

it in the neck from his con-tinental colleagues. With the delight of schoolboys who have

succeeded in stealing sweets

from the tuckshop, the cock-a-

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describe their role in this epi-

sode as "innocents ahroad-so

touching that we touched them

Women on American news-

papers and magazines are inten-

sifying their campaign against

what they see as discrimination against them. On The New York Times, a group of six women

has taken the paper to court on

Time, Newsweek and the Colum-

bia Broadcasting System, the

for £8 million".

Less equal

tant in that it could set a precedent for future auctions. The tax advantages which accrue from the sale of a work of art to a public collection are not applicable if that work of art is purchased at a public auction. The advantages amount to a 25 per cent waiver of such estate duty and capital gains tax as are due on the sale price. This can make a buge difference where the rate of estate duty is high. The difficulty lies in establishing a fair valuation of the work of art; traditionally auctioneers have been able to

Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent | him. The Times Diary

Just like raiding the tuckshop

Robin Young reports on Tuesday night's dramas in Paris:

If, as President Giscard said at his closing late-night press confereoce, that was the last European summit, then that might also prove m be the last such press conference to be so beavily attended—but I douht it. The reporters, starved of exciting news for two days, crowded the press centre from cir c'clerk en The French, partly to be

good hosts and partly in ex-pectation of a long wait, bad provided a buffet campagnard which boasted 70 varieties of French cheese, 50 assorted cold meats by the platterful, and four wines by the barrel. This generosity helped contain im-

When the French spokesman arrived to say that "a little difficulty of translation" would bold up the communiqué for perhaps another 90 minutes, journalists set up a chant of Eoergie, energie —in their opinion the burning issue of the hour. The unrufflad Frenchman, leaving without saying a word about energy, turned back: "At least you do not seem to lack it", be ob-

Giscard spoke quickly and easily without blowing bis own trumpet as the British leaders were to do later. He raised one good laugh, by reading the obfuscating verbiage from the communiqué about Britain's position in the Community.

Soon afterwards Harold Wilson and James Callaghan, et the British embassy, were giv-ing a largely off-the-record British version of events. Wilson wore a lemon shirt and pastel blue tie with his dark blue suit, emphasizing his sunny mood. The quote about telling Giscard that if his view telling Giscard that if his view In the case of The New York was the definitive one there Timas, the complaint is that was no bope of successful nego- preference is given to men when

tiations (which we had already had from Wilson's press adviser, Joe Haines, at lunch home and abroad. Men get hetter salaries, it is claimed, more merit increases and more security. Male employees earn oo average nearly £2,000 more than women. There are also depart-ments such as sports, photography and classified advertis-

ing—in which women bave great difficulty getting jobs.

The legal basis for these complaints is the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This provides for a long series of steps in which anyone who feels discriminated against goes first to the New York City Human Rights Commission and then on to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The women on The New York

Times have been through all this, and have got nowhere, they say. The paper disagrees. It introduced an "affirmative action programme" some years it maintains, and since theo there has been no discrim-

Over-exposed

Considering it is supposed to he a highly secret organization, the United States Central Intelli-gence Agency is exposed with behalf, of the 600 women employees. Similar action is nnder wey, or has already been taken, on The Washington Post, remarkable regularity. The latest person to reveal all the filthy secrets in Philip Ages, whose book about his 12 years as an agent will be published next month, entitled *Inside the* Company: CIA Diary.

largest of the television net-works. This one is supposed to con-rain even bigger and filthier secrets than the others—the

most recent of which, hy Victor Marchetti, was published only in September. There are the usual tales of efforts by the CIA to bave it suppressed. One of the oddest of these tales was printed in More, an American review of journalism.

one being told about it?

This maintains that hefore Marchetti came to Britain to launch his own CIA exposé, he was approached by CIA agents who asked him to steal Agee's manuscript from the Londoo publisher. The article says Marchetti was told that Agee was a radical who had "gone off the deep end" and that it was Marchetti's duty as a patriotic American to steal the manuscript. He declined, and instead told Agee (who now lives in Cornwall) about the

More also makes much of the fact that eight New York publishers declined to buy the manuscript from Allen Lane, who have the world rights. The American edition will he publisbed in the spring by Straight Arrow, the publishing division of Rolling Stone, the radical periodical. The implication is that the New York publishers turned the book down on political grounds, but when asked by More, most of them said they simply found it boring.

This I can helieve. Although I have not read the book, a Lon-don news agency released some extrects from it yesterday. It is full of dull and quite ungripping stuff about who was doing what undercover things to whom, mainly in Latin America,

whom, mainly in Latin America,

The most exciting incidents concern some "inflammatory plans for revolution" planted in an Ecuadorean Communist's mothpaste tube, and a reference to a "hilarious Cuban embassy chauffeur" who was a good agent hut apparently a poor driver. But do not buy it for laoghs.



Adrift A police station bas been float-

iog in the middle of the Thames, between Waterloo and Blackfriars, for a week and a half. A reader who believes in conspiracy theories wondered wbat it was doing there, since it cannot be reached by land and bas an ominously fortresslike appearance.

The answer, alas, is simple and lies in the silt. The station is usually moorad beside the Embankment at Waterloo Bridge, Over the years silt has built up to such an extent that at low tide the station sat oo the river and tilted to one side. Policemen's teacups slid off tables and their saucapans fell from stoves and the law

enforcers themselves te lean-provokiog jokes hent coppers.
So the authorities co a dredging firm which i ing away the silt Meanwhile the floating station is still being although it is not on ti phooe. Messages are by radio to the po aboard from an office of a position of the position of Pier, at Lambeth Bridge is being used tempora Thames Police. Yesterda noon, however, there breakdown io the ele supply to the pier and th was not working. It never do for Z Cars.

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a superior district in respects, and a colleagu lives there now tells boasts a superior kind of ter. A group of three m one womao arrived the night at an empty house They came in a Rov litre with a television set boot and a Great Dane, ently a thoroughbred, back seat. Moreover, neig peering through the lat woman returns from her ping expeditions in a taxi

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It would be possible for the Government to abandon its policy of allowing BP to act as a commercial company without state interference. But it is anxious to demonstrate to the Americans in particular that its North Sea proposals apply equally to all companies whether British or foreign. Fears of retaliation against growing British or foreign. Fears of retali n two separate meet still be required to negotiate a majority state holding in chedule for continued their shares.

The rising costs of recovery

Negotiations must also be made more complex by the contioually rising cost of getting oil asbore from the North Sea reservoirs. A large oilfield could cost more than tods.

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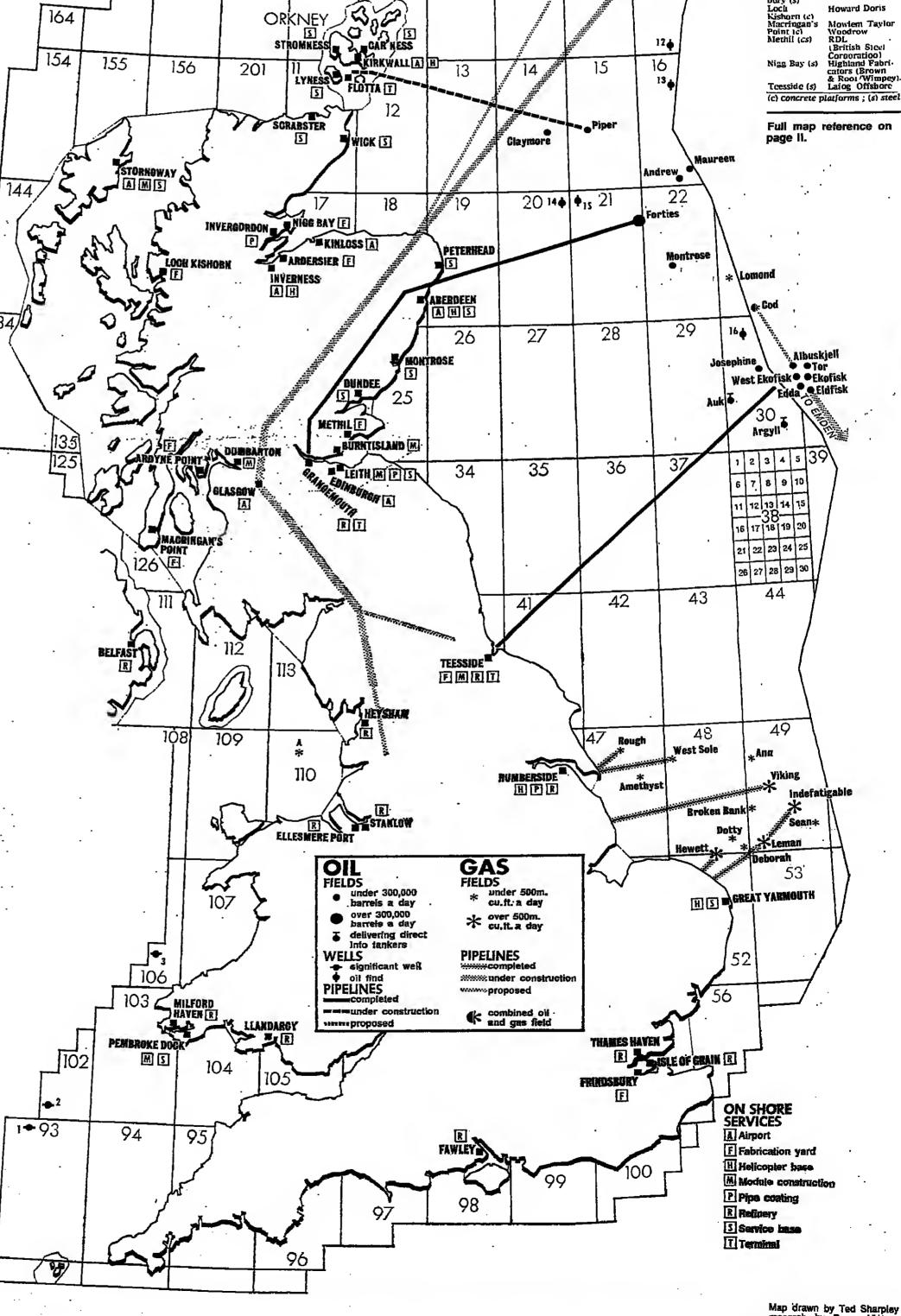
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lan- larcy	ВÞ	8.000
Hilford Haven	Esso Texaco Amoco Gulf	15,000 5,900 4,600 4,000
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(c) Concrete platforms; (s) steel

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Costs float up as steel drives down

by Roger Vielvoye

Living on a giant, semisubmersible rig drilling for stalled effectively.

oil in the heaving waters of
the North Sea could never for the Forties field and simibe described as glamorous. lar structures for the Piper
But as the importance of But as the importance of and Brent fields are under North Sea oil to the future construction and will be installed next summer. The country has become appar next development will be grown

explorers to a new type of offshore activity—the installation of permaneut facilities in the North Sea to subtract the oil and gas from their submarine reservoirs and feed them into the oil-hungry United Kingdom market. programme by British Petroleum to install the first two
oil production platforms on
its Forries oilfield. Steel
jackets, 420ft high, bad to
be floated out m the oilfield.
about 110 miles east of
Aberdeen, from their construction yards on Teesside
and at Nigg Bay in Ross and
Cromarty.

about 100 million tons. It
also estimates that United
Kingdom offsbore waters
production at 150 million
tons a year (three million
barrels a day) throughout the
1980s.

Since the esumate was
made it has become apparent that the industry

technical snags, the operation to a falling bebind in pro-to float out the jackets, then tilt them into a vertical posi-tion and sink them to the seabed so that only a few with rapid inflation, have led

smaller production platform sured in the cost of getting on its Auk field. While BP a barrel of oil ashore. BP bas brilt a pipeline to pump started the Forties develop-400,000 barrels of oil a day ment working on the basis of out of the Forties, Auk is a f1,000 a barrel. The figure much smaller field where is now about £1,500 and Shell/Esso is using a different method of production. Shell/Esso is talking to terms of its method of production. Projects getting under way the platform into tankers by are carrying the full brunt means of a special mooring of the unfavourable condi-

built steel platform being As well as increasing over-manoeuvred into its final all costs, project postpone-position on the Frigg gas ments mean delays in obtain-field sank after part of its ing revenues from the field. flotation equipment failed. Mr A. Hols, of Shell, said The structure has since been recently a very sellipsage

equipment designed for the first stage of the North Sea

ent, a mystique has grown next year when the first of up around the cold and dirty the concrete oil production work of drilling into the platforms is installed. Five waves. of these structures, some
For the first time this weighing up to 400,000
summer, me glare of pub-tonnes are being built in
licity has switched from the Norway and the United King-

gry United Kingdom market.

May, is an output rate of million to 150 million tons a year, compared with velopments was the elaborate programme by British Petro

The operation was one of particular importance in the lower range of production estimated by the Government. World shortages of attempted previously to float out such massive steel structures in water depths of more than 300 ft. However, in spite of a number of minor technical snags, the operation made it has become apparent that the industry will do well to reach the lower range of production estimated by the Government. World shortages of materials, labour problems and general difficulties with producing equipment to the standards needed for the North Sea have contributed to a falling behind in pro-

tion and sink them to the seabed so that only a few ifeet were protruding through the waves, was a success.

Giant floating cranes then drove steel piles into the seabed to secure the platforms and a crasb programme was mounted through the autumn to ensure that the modules containing the drilling and other processing equipment were lifted on to the top of the jacket before winter storms made working impossible.

These delays. combined with rapid inflation, bave led to spectacular increases in the cost of fields already under development. BP's Forties field, originally budgeted at £316m is now likely to cost more than £630m. BP had the advantage of ordering a large part of the steel for the project before the shortages and inflation made their presence so strongly felt. Shell Esso's Brent development is likely to cost more than £1,000m.

Shell/Esso also completed

Shell/Esso also completed The industry index for the installation of a much field development is measurabler production platform sured in the cost of getting means of a special mooring of the unfavourable condi-buoy, installed this summer, tions and the BP/Burmah Not all the installations in figure for the development the North Sea this year bave of Ninian could be £3,000 a gone so smoothly. A French-built steel platform heirs

flotation equipment tailed. Mr A. Mois, or onen, said The structure has since been recently a year's slippage refloated and positioned procedule mean a cash loss of 60 perly. The overall success of cents a barrel for a small the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of however, has proved that the 15,000 barrels a day, or 20 field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn, field with a plateau output of the summer and actumn and the summer and actumn at th nts for a field plateau output of 150,000 barrels a day.

Companies must also make provision for the increased cost of installing platforms in deeper water. Esso Petro-leum said the sballow water platforms in 100ft to 120ft in the sonthern North Sea were installed in the 1967-71 period for less than £2m each. For a platform in 275ft the cost rose to £11m and increased according to the

mcreased according to the water depth to more than 550m for a platform in 500ft of water, ordered for installation in 1977.

The company also quoted the example of a concrete platform, ordered in December, 1973, which is expected to cost about £37m, against a platform of the same design platform of the same design for 35ft deeper water. This was ordered six months later and is expected m cost £54m Pipelines are also subject to rising costs. Esso said the installed cost of a 30in pipeline in the southern area in 1973 was about 50 per cent higher than in 1970 and the cost of future lines will increase further, largely because of an expected 400 per cent to 500 per cent in-crease between 1970 and 1976-77 in lay barge costs a

day.

Esso finds that offshore pipeline costs are sensitive to continued on page IV

Significant oil wells 93/2: BP (1 ou map). 102/28: Sbell (2). 106/24: Atlantic Richfield (3). 205/21: Shell (4). 205/22: BP/Cbevron/ICI (5).

Unnamed oil finds
211/11: Atlantic Ricbfield
group (6 oo map).
3/15: Total Marine group (7).
3/25: Total Marine group (8).
3/29: BP/National Iranian Oil
Co (9).
9/8: Hamilton Bros group (10).
9/13: Mobil group (11).
9/28: Hamilton Bros group (12).
16/8: Shell/Esso (13).
20/5: Texaco (14). 20/5: Texaco (14). 21/1: Transworld group (15). 30/2: Hamilton Bros group (16).

Other gas finds Other gas finds
Amerhyst (47/14): Burman
32%, ICJ 32%, Canadian Industrial Gas 20%, Ocean
Drilling and Exploration 6%,
Axe. Johnson 4%.
Ann (49/6): Phillips group.
Broken Bank (49/21): Conoco
25%, NCB 25%, Arco 12.5%,
Cities Service 12.5%, Marathon 12.5%, Burman 12.5%.
Deborah (48/30): Phillips
group.

(48/29/30): Phillips Dotty group.
omond (23/21): British Gas
50%, Amoco 22.22%, Amer
ada 16.66%, Texas Eastern 11.11%. Sean (49/25): Esso 25%, Shell 25%, Allied Chemicals 25%, NCB 25%.

Unnamed gas finds (UK)
110/2/7: Hydrocarbons Great
Britain (A on map).
211/13: Shell, Esso (B).
3/19: Total Marine group (C).

	Opera	ators, output and ca	pacity of oil	and gas f	ields (see map on pa	ge I)
UK secto	or (oil) Block		Pcak production (barrels a day)	Reserves (million barrels)	Progress to date	On s
Alwyn	3/1/	Total Marine 33.33°, Aquitaine 22.22°, Elf 44.45°,		····	Option on one concrete platform	First oil
Andrew Aroull	16 <u>2</u> 30 2	S BP 100°,				
Argyll	30 -	Bros GB 28.8% Hamilton Bros Petroleum 7.2% Texaco 24% RTZ 25%	40,000	120	Production direct to tan- ker, via converted drill- lng rig	Early
Auk	30. 16		40,000	100	Steel platform and tan-	C
Bery'l	9 1	Ess- 50% 3 Mobil 50% Amerada 20%			led One concrete platform	Sprin
Brent	211 2	Texas Eastern 20% British Gas 10% 5 Shell 50%	150,000	750	Four platforms ordered	Mid First o
Extension	3 4 14 15	•	500,000	2,250	(three concrete, oue steel)	full pro 19
Claymore	24, 12	Occidental 26.5% Allied Chemical 23.5% Getty Oil 20% Thomson Scottish Petro- leum 20%	100,000	500	One steel platform ordered	19
Cormoraut Duplin	211, 20	Esso 50°	100,000	750	One concrete platform ordered	First oi
Extension	211 24	Esso 50°.	200,000	1,000	One concrete platform ordered; member Brent pipeline system	First oil
Fordes Extension	21 10 22 6	Esso 50°,	400,000	2,000	Two platforms installed, two under construction —all steel	Phase o 1975 ; pl 19
Heather	2.'3	Union Oil of California 31.25°, Skelly 31.25°, Tenneco 31.25°, Norwegian Oil DNO 6.25°.	150,000	750		V
Hutton Extension	211 28 211 27	Gulf 33.33°, NCB 33.33°,	130,000	75 u	Platform tenders invited	1977
Josephine	30,:13	Phillips 35°. Petrofina 30°. Arip 15°. Century Light and Power 7.22°. Halkyn 4.26°.	50,000	250		
Magnus	211 '12	Plascom 4.26°, Oil Exploration 4.26°. BP	150.000- 200.000	750-1,000		
Maureen ·	16 '29	Fina 23.96°; Agip 17.26°; Century Light and Power 9°; Ultramar 6°;	100.000	500	Piatform tenders invited	Flest 197
Montrose	22·17 22·18	B.E.T. 5%	50,000	250	One steel platform ordered	197
Niulan . Extension	3.3	Evaluation 15.56°, Ranger group 50°, Rurmah 30°, ICI 26°; Chettoo 24°, Murphy 10°, Ocean Exploration 10°,	450,000	1,500	Two planforms ordered (on concrete, one steel)— another possible; pipeline ordered from Japan	e 197
Piper	15, 17		250,000	640	One steel platform ordered ; pipeline almost complete	197
Chistle		Petroleum 20°. Burmah 24°. Santa Fe 22.50°. Union Pacific 22.50°. United Causo 20°. Triceurol 10°. Charterhouse 1°.	20,000	1,000	One steel platform	
		Conoco 33.33% NCB 33.33% Gulf 33.33%			The state of the s	er geren er
Vorwegia Ibuskjeli	2/4	Phillips 36.96°. Petrofina 30°. Agip 13.04°. Petronord 20°.	· ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Two steel platforms	
od	1.6 7/11	Shell Phillips group	(can black	Combined	Steel platform ordered	First of
dda Kofişk	2/7 2/4	Phillips group	Combined peak production estimated at a million barrels a day	reserves estimated at 3,000 million barrels	Steel platform ordered Production complex installed; limited output began 1971	First oil.
ldfisk	2/7 2,8 2/4	Phillips group Phillips group			Two steel platforms ordered	First.oil
or xtensions	2/5	Amoco 28.33% Amerada 28.33% Texas Eastern 28.33% Norwegian Oil Con-			Steel platform ordered	First oil,
est Ekofisk attjord	2/4 33/9	Phillips group Statoil 50%	•	· · ·	Steel platform ordered	First oil
		Mobil 15% Esso 10% Shell 10% Conoco 10% Amoco/Saga S%	500,000	3.000	One concrete platform ordered	1978
JK sector	(gas) Block	Operators	Output (million cu ft à day)	Reserves (million million.cu.ft)		On str
est	211/29 3/4	Contract under negotiation between British Gas and Shell/Esso/Texaco	600			
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for the good of the whole out of the United Kingdom shore bases and the rigs operating in the stormy banker. Unlike many of his contemporaries, however, he is hased not in the City of London but in Aberdeen in the start, and a useful one, has firms and content of the norther of the plans made so far for supplying equipment to glass made so far for supplying equipment of the offshore oil industry, it is nevers of the North Sea, and the rigs operating in the stormy being printed Mr Fred about 10 per cent of the One recent study indicated this pips is between £1m and content of the norther of companies of the norther of compan

that has regenerated large tracts of the Scottish east expanded.

"We are looking at a culated by the Department of Energy that some 55 major contractors, 800 sub attracted Mr Jordan's company, the Charterhouse merchant banking group, to the city.

Mr Jordan is in business to provide and attract capital, and in recent months be has received a steady flow of callers. Young companies, most of them less than two years old (and their executives on the youthful side of 30), have been question for the scottish at an own particular—and that has level of exploration effort that could go on for the activities of the most recent in supplying goods and services to 13 priority offshore orders, although fine about 50 per cent of all offshore orders, although of supply and demand for servicing the Offshore Supplies Office being revised upwards in its estimates did not dis-

years old (and their executives on the youthful side of 30), have been queueing up for some of the capital that be is keen to introduce into the hurgeoning offshore supplies industry. His problem is, of course, that exploration and develop shortage of large ocean-ment quickening, the going tugs required for the number of supply ship installation of the huge con-operators is growing stead-crete production platforms,

present cost of such supply requirements of the North some large companies.

Sea in supplies of both become involved in offsh. equipment and services work there is still insi

nen who operate the rigs is will be of crucial impor-cient pioneering efforts argely in the nands of com-tance in the years ahead. A small and medium significant

	Capital costs*	Const
Surveying (inc 12 survey vessels) Offshore exploration and drilling	20	42
(inc 50 rigs, 5 ships)	600	345
Offshore production (inc 42 plat- forms)	1,079.4	
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spars) Offshore services (inc 180 supply	660.4	539
vessels, 80 rig tenders, 8 repair ships; Diving equipment and services (inc	269	29.
90 diving systems)	14.7	18:
Suhmersibles	6.4	4

into the flurgeoning of terms of financial require derived from prime consolors supplies industry. His problem is, of course, that bankers tend to look for a the next decade capital requirements would amount recurrence to the formation of the cash to give impetus to a companies are setting the recard before providing the cash to give impetus to a company's further development.

This level of interest is but one illustration of the exploration in the Celtic Lithgow, for example, is but one illustration of the complexity and scale of the offshore marker along the reciproduction planeturing is offshore marker along the wealth of opportunity for use and reciproduction planeturing is now sectioned that the saled affects and Technology is large and the latest investigation will examine this aspect and the latest investigation will examine the aspect of the cash to give impetus to a companies are setting the reciproduction planeture and the latest investigation will examine this aspect and the latest investigation will examine the aspect of the cash to give impetus to a companies are setting the reciproduction planeture, which the Association of British of the were 200 supply ships on and the latest investigation will examine the aspect of the cash to give impetus to a companies are setting the reciproduction planeture and the latest investigation will examine this spect to the House of Companies and the latest investigation will examine the aspect of the spect of the cash to the special cash to the special

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The risk shadowing our chance of real prosperity

The effect on

employment

by C. M. Woodhouse

It is clear that most British industrialists, as well as politicians, trade unionists maintain our standard of and the general public, have living. This indeed may well failed to appreciate the real be the best we can hope for, influence that offshore crude oil resources can have to start planning the additional manufacturing facilities which will be need to of living of everyone. The process all the raw level of our future prosperity depends largely on what happens to this oil after it has been converted into petroleum chemicals.

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within the next five years, increase with offshore oil it will set the ball rolling? and from the early 1980s disservice from which all months have clearly sh exporter.

However, too many people still seem unaware that off-shore oil has changed from being simply a bonus and has become something that means real prosperity. Even

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by C. M. Woodhouse now they appear to regard to become fully profitable the future availability of takes three to five years, It is clear that most British home-produced crude oil as and 1980 is now only five

into petroleum chemicals.

The flood of configured finds reported in recent months has led to revised of 1968 the United Kingdom estimates between 5,500 million and 10,000 million tons of recoverable North Sea crude in the United Kingdom all sources almost doubled. But more duced from all sources almost doubled. But more duced from all sources almost doubled. But more of recoverable North Sea almost doubled. But more duced from all sources almost doubled. But more of the discoveries in the North heating in hoth these industries is bound to occur, ural gas increased from 10 per cent to 90 per cent of the total consumption over that same period. If industry now hesitates to make provision for a similar sources almost doubled. But more of the desired from all sources almost doubled. But more of the opportunities offered by off-shore oil, then serious over-the total consumption over the five-year.

Events in the past few months have clearly shown that the dikelihood of the will suffer.

While it is relevant to
mention in passing the prowed contribution of natural
dertake this restructuring of
dertake this restructuring of gas and the speed at which it has been developed, gas has a limited value to industry, being used largely as a source of energy. Crude oil is a different manter. The multifarious protections of great the control of the unions appears to be a control only the perties of oil are of great to be to recognize only the short-term situation.

The Government must lead

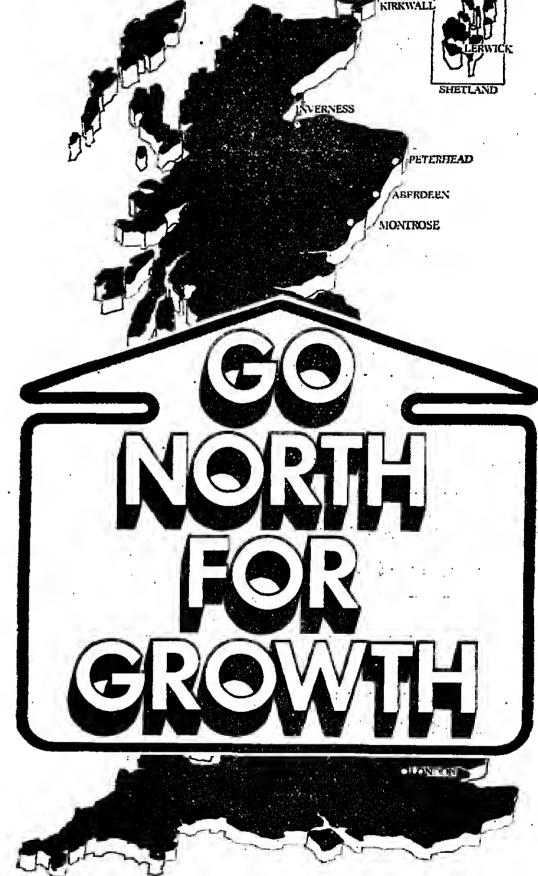
perties of oil are of great importance outside energy uses, and eny industrialist whose vision extends beyond his backyard fence should have as his target the conversion of all the raw materials oil provides into finished goods which range from high protein foods to glass fibre car bodies, from pharmaceuni-However, the Governmen tein foods to glass fibre car must be prepared to give bodies, from pharmaceum the lead and to underwrite cals and cosmetics to manmade fibre texniles and carpets, and from natrogenous gress must appreciate the fertilizers and agricultural benefits to its members in sprays to packaging securing future full employmaterials and detergents. ment and a rising standard of living. Equally, industry must be prepared to play its role as the main creator of

standard of living.
When planning a new When planning a new production complex experiments have been shown the necessary benefit ence has shown the necessary benefit ence has shown the necessary ing firesthed consumer goods experienced team including is two or three times that general and financial many which can be gained by agers, shop floor staff, planexporting the chemical free ners, designers and builders, and plant memofacturers. To speater that selling oil as plan to take full advantage. greater than seiling oil as plan to take full advantage of offshore oil, a national Nor must sight be lost of team representing the Gov the effect on employment of erment, the Confederation converting crude into con- of British Industry, the sumer products. Industries TUC and the building and in the United Kingdom have plant manufacturing indus-technologists capable of tries is urgently needed. exploiting the properties of This team will need sub-every oil derivative to the stantial executive powers to

full. If planning is not formulate policy, allocate initiated now, by the early financial and other 1980s a large number of resources, and ensure that people could well be out of sbort-term problems are not work or on short time, while allowed to prejudice the a minimal profit will be looger-term national stratmade from the export of egy. If on the other hand crude and fractions the opportunities are crude and fractions. the opportunities are Capacity already exists allowed to go by default for refining between 30 and and the Government, mana-40 per cent more crude oil gement and the unions are than will be needed to meet content to movidle along britain's total petrol and fuel oil requirements by 1980-81. So the construction and plant manufacturing industries, by the nature of things, will have to provide the production capacity.

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Well over 500 companies inconvenience but not, on hulldozers through the wage in Scotland had already present evidence, for long-restraint policy in order to secured part of the new term grief.

Stay in business. But the boom. The public sector main industry is fishing and aimed to build more than R.F.

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workers bas cut unemploy prove a modern equivalent ment rare to 1.4 per cent. It the first sign that oil the humbed stag which in may become what the word means in Gaelic, "a cause for grief." has been the competition between the oil and the profit and leave and the traditional industries for skillad workers. The Government firmly rejects this possibility and massive resources to onthid local employers. The cost of a bandful of wildcar wells keenness with the oil companies with local industries' sprat. It may seem curious that islands. They have also the local industries' sprat. It may seem curious that islands. They have also the local industries' sprat. It may seem curious that islands. They have also the local industries on the local industries wanning to set up in husiness there. Companies receive regional employment this giant which bas there is no competition with an oil contractor. Since oil-related industry is not strictly manufacturing, it does not qualify for regional aid.

Another employer admitted the profit and the seems were difficulties without it. The time is approaching when the Government will have to decide whether traditional industry shuts down and sherdeen relies entirely on oil. There is no lack of 40 years. The change the exploitation of North Sack in the days of Phase whole of Scotlands industry shuts down and adhere mrought by such as barcky here in the oil discoveries. Finery is planned there as hardened relies entirely on year—the first real gain for howevers or afford to keep so many of the ones we do have."

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deen in the early days of oil development and created a magnet for the rest. The spin-off has already been impressive. Union Street accommodates almost every principal huilding society; hig stores have increased; the oil companies plan prestige offices and traders report surging business.

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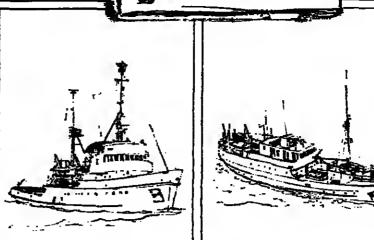
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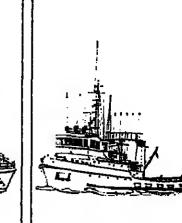
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The oil platform builders were rejected from Drum-buie but have been allowed boom."

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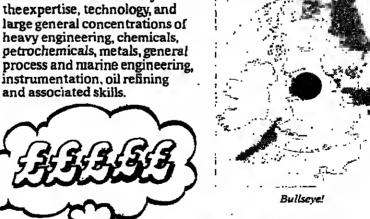
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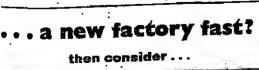
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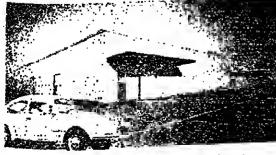


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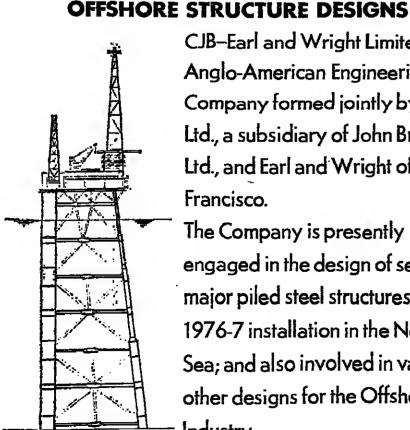
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by Jack A. Davis

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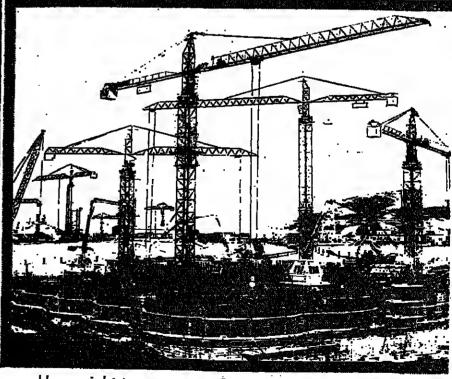
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by Kenneth Owen

Stone haven, near Aberdeen, and Norwick io the Shetland Isles. These provided exclusive teleprinter channels and shared telephone channels for the rigs; they were an extension of the existing maritime radiotelephony services.

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Force chose an over-the-horizon technique of radio transmission known as tropospheric scatter. This had heen used in defence communications and was heing introduced for certain private systems in the North introduced for certain private systems in the North
Sea, but it was new to the
Post Office.

Thus British Petroleum to be known as Energy Communications. This company
will offer consultancy, finarrespective North See Com-

If this same part of the troposphere can he viewed by the aerial at the receive ing station, a weak version of the transmitted signal can be picked up. Special techniques are used to improve the quality of the received the quality of the received the controlling and supervising the prospects for the controlling and supervising the prospects for supplying such a service.

A new requirement has a to start in October, 1975, loi-arisen in the North Sea oil tially to the deep-water plan-and gas fields for improved forms now being built for the minals.

The services are heing introduced by the Post office, new technology is heing applied, and a new industrial effort is heing made to meet this specialized market.

Among the first special groups of companies. From the Shetlands the Post Office of companies. From the Shetlands the Post Office will communicate alternately computers and telemetry systems will handle the coordination of production control, momitoring of well testing, supervision of oil pipelines and terminals, and pipelines and terminals.

Later, the supervision of oil accounting information.

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high-frequency radio facili- Piper platform. Here again forms. This is not yet a firm ties at the corporation's there will be line of sight commitment, but the system coastal stations at Humber, links between the offshore is designed to be developed. Stonehaven, near Aberdeen, termioals. This pattern is in this way if this proves and Norwick in the Shetland expected to be repeated in feasible. other areas as the demand

The Post Office land ter-The Post Office land termicrowave links had been minals will connect into the introduced in the gas fields United Kingdom national to the south. Based on tele-United Kingdom national to provide circuits into com-panies' premises for tele-phone, teleprinter and data/ telementy vessels, and pipe-layers have telemetry transmissions, had been cootrolled remotely heen using these conventational Post Office aervices.

Access to the international at Easington. Phillips Petroleum has

struction of two new f500,000 radio stations, one at Scoushurgh in the Shetlands and the other at Mormond Hill, 30 miles north of Aherdeeo.

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In this type of system a respective North Sea com- ancing and supply, installa narrow heam of microwave munication links well before tion and maintenance servenergy is transmitted, almost parallel to the ground, its £5m scheme. BP's installment communications towards the receiving lation, now heing imple systems and ancillary aery-station. Part of this energy mented, represents the first ices in the offshore producwill he scattered by turbu-lence in the troposphere, the lower part of the atmotropospheric-scatter system For the future, the use of in the United Kingdom, and satellites to cope with the is claimed to he the first in further expansion in commuthe world for the purposes of nication needs for the North offshore oil production.

signals. controlling and supervising
The two new radio stations the production and distribuwill provide direct communition of oil from this field.

At the heart of the system cations to "master" production platforms which, in turn, is an operations centre at paration of this special Rewill relay signals to other Dyce, Aberdeen. This centre port was given by the Bank platforms in the area by ord- is linked to the field itself of Scotland Oil Division and nary microwave (line of via Brimmond Hill; and to

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Before the tropospheric link to the Forties oilfield, ultra-high-frequency and

tional Post Office aervices.
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and private investment.

have not heen able to exercise their power effectively, partly because of divergent national policies but partly because the machinery cannot cope. Decisions have heen piling up against the doors of the Council of Ministers, many of them trivial but needing action just the same. The enlargement of the Community and uncertainty over British membership have also slowed down the already creaking apparatus. The communique shows some recogni-tion of this by giving greater laritude to the permanent repre-sentatives and reserving only tha most important political problems for the Council. It also gives a boost to political development hy promising consultations on foreign policy, and reaffirming the need for European elections—in spite of British reservations.

Against this background of Community problems Britain's demand for "fundamental reoegotiation" now looks more like a niggliog nuisance than a major problem. No one regards it as either fundamental or renegotiation. It bas become largely a matter of making certain adjustments for which a good case could bave heen made out without the threat of withdrawsl, and for the rest trying to be as parient as possible with the British Labour Party. But now that Mr Wilson has gone as far as he can towards committing himself to recommending sarisfactory terms to the British people be is getting more patience and understanding—

Europeaos could hardly make concessions to a government which would not say whether it really wanted to stay in nr not.

Nevertheless, things could still go wrong. Tensions and differences in the Community could be aggravated by economic stress over the next few months. and patience with Britain could diminish. Even now it is only hy atruggling to take a long-term view and thinking about North Sea oil thar many Europeans can bring themselves to make any effort at all to keep Britain in.
A great many of the bopes attached to British entry have been dissipated by Britain'e poor economic and political

performance. Woree still, the referendum itself could still go wrong. The mood of the British people is uncertain and could he still more uncertain by next summer. There is strong opposition to the Community in parts of the trade uoion movement, and even many pro-Europeans in the movement seem afraid to stand up and defend their views in public. More widely there is generalized opposition to governments and politicians of all parties, and this could cause either a low turnout or a big negative vote directed more against the government of the day than the Community but baving disastrous results. The Paris summit should have strengthened the pro-Europeans hut they still have a struggle ahead of them and they

will have to fight it with deter-

mination and intelligence.

T FREEDOM OF THE ADVERTISER

nas been a serious protest an advertisement we ed yesterday. The adverit attacked Zionist fund particularly by Mrs n the grounds that policy was unjust to the uan people and that should "come first". The : have not all come from r from Zionist organizasome of those who have ned have no Jewish ons, but believe that advertisement is offeod inadmissible.

policy of freedom of d expression in advertisnot an easy one for a aper to follow. It is of freedom undar law; we it accept advertisements. are illegal, either by way tempt or defamation, or other reason. Nor do the sements appear without. consideration of any ioos of fact that they conlough we most definitely but ourselves in the posivouching for the adver-

its we publish. reason that we publish advertisements without restriction is that we that the freedom of the

advertiser is one of the essential freedoms of the press. The opposition of The Times to control of access to the press hy a journalists' closed shop is grounded on the belief that freedom of expression must be allowed to all comers. There must be freedom. for all those with important things to say, in the case of editorial matter, and for those who can afford to buy the space, io the case of advertising matter.

Such freedom will often give offence to other people; not only that, it will often give legitimate offence. A Zionist will he rightly aogry to see his right to raise funds attacked, particularly as the argument that he should put Britain first, coming as it does from those whose prime concern is not with Britain hut with the Middle East, will seem to him to be quite unfair. Yet the fact offence is not in itself a reason for refusing to publish it.

On November 25 we published a two-page advertisement which. consisted of an appeal to the Soviet Government for the release of Soviet Jews. This was unquestionably an advertisement which gave offence to tha Soviet Government and to those

Communists in Britain who sympathize with or bave faith in the Soviet Government. It attacked both Russian justice and the Russian treatment of Jews in severe terms. Some of our readers disapproved of that advertisement on the grounds that it was likely to create prejudice against the Soviet Union. As it happens The Times entirely shares the concern for the liberation of Russian Jews. and for freedom for other oppressed communities in the Soviet Union. On the issue of fund raising we believe that Zionists-and for that matter all other law-abiding people — should he free to raise funds in the United Kingdom. That is not, however, the point. The freedom of the Soviet Jewish Prisoners Committee to publish advertisements attacking the . The Times is identical to the freedom of the Committee for Justice in the Middle East to publish advertisements attacking Zionist policies and fund raising. We would he doing no service to the cause of freedom if we only published those advertisements with which we

E BILL COMES FIRST, THE SCHEME LATER

esponeibility for the arts, windicated how he intends ceed with legislation to sh a public lending right heoefit of authors. lo the ar be will introduce a Bill ture the right. Suppley legislatioo will follow declare pracisaly what ht consiete of

is an extraordinary way of ding. If Mr Jenkins is not in the new year with the of a workable schame be husiness to initiate any tion in the matter. The argument about public g right for the past few has coocerned practicali-1 this matter more than in egislative approval of the ple must he contingent on meor's being sarisfied that is a workahle way of iting that principle into

justice of the claim put d on hehalf of authors bey deserve to be paid for prrowing of their books libraries on top of wbat re paid for the purchase of books by libraries—has to be regarded as selfit. Evident it may be to me well disposed towards ture. But self-evident it is since the same is not ed for all comparable

ingb Jenkins, the minister transactions. Painters who sell a work to a public collection are not to be paid so much a look, nor ie it thought that tha manufacturers of motor cars or sanding machines should receive more than the purchase price from firms which hire out those goods to the public.

Be that as it may, the authors' claim ie concedad because it is held to be just. It is conceded not hecause it is beld to be in the public interest to increase the earnings of authors so that more and hetter hooks may be available-on the contrary, too many new hooks rather than too few are published, and one would like to see the evidance that better books remain unwritten bacausa of the present level of earnings. Nor is the claim concaded because authors, like old age pensioners or the heads of large families on low incomes, form s class adjudged deserving of public support. The claim, to repeat, is conceded hecause its

principle is held to be just. It follows that an acceptable scheme must faithfully emhody the principle which justice is claiming as its own. The principle, baldly, is that authors are cheated of their due when a library lends their hooks (or makes them available for consultation) without further payment accruing to them. The only faithful way of observing that prin-

ciple is by directly relating what individual authors get out of the scheme to a reasonably accurate measurement of the horrowings of their books. The farther a scheme departs from that relationship the less is the justification for it. To relate authors' payments to library purchases is one such departure, and Mr Jenkins's rule that popular authors shall be remunerated at a lower rate than unpopular authors is another. That may be good socialism, but it contradicts the principle which it is the whole purpose of this legislation

happened to agree.

to vindicate. Unfortunately such studies as have been made show that the administrative complexity and cost of directly relating the public lending right to public lending are formidable. however only underlines the necessity for Parliament to satisfy itself that there is a workable way of translating the principle into practice hefore it passes legislation. A workable way is one which neither entails administrative costs disproportionate to the sums available for distribution or to the benefits, received, oor, in order to avoid that position, seriously compromises the principle at stake Until Mr Jenkins is ready with a scheme that meets those requirements he is not ready to

k before university

Professor John A. Davis propos the correspondence in olumos on the desirability of ts taking a year off academic between leaving school and ng university, I write in sughat in the case of medical its this should in most cases ent as oursing auxiliaries or o training for the nursing roll. would have a number of tages over and above those y set out which are worth conng by the Deans of Medical is. Competition for places in al school is now severe and is g to a not nacessarily desirable ion in which the oumber and of A levels in so-called scienubjects forms the main basis ection-thus cutting out many aots with a real vocation for

medicine and overstressing the value of the particular academic qualities involved in making a success of sixth form "science"

The need to get through a year's practical nursing, exposed to the importunities of the sick, and giving body care and emotional support to patients as part of the disciplined nursing team, would test out other equally necessary qualities and would give the students a much better appreciation of the relevance of the pre-clinical studies which they find so irksome as a prelude to walking the wards as well as a feeling of having earned their place as students who must for a time learn from the sick without doing anything

for them. The extra year would be no financial burden; they would be earning; and would cosure that students were relatively mature men and women

on qualification which is often not the case at present. Those who "dropped out" would on the whole be well lost to the profession, while a number of nurses would no doubt drop in" in their place. For the few with largely technical gifts it might be possible to substitute a year as a laboratory technician or in some other medical technology; even portering or domestic work in hospital would teach them something; and we could still insist on adequate academic achievements without interfering with recruimment.

introduce legislation.

Yours, etc. TORN DAVIS, Director, The Department of Child Health, University of Manchester, St Mary's Hospital, Hathersage Road, Manchester. December 9.

and the City From Mr Roger W. Marsh

British Leyland

Sir, Ir has been apparent for some years that British Leyland bas been a sick company. The three-day week, intermittent strikes, and the effect of inflation on cash flow have nbyinusly gravely affected the company. However, the main cause of British Leyland's problems basically has been inadequate management and the failure to get a price with and the failore to get to grips with the mergiog of the constituent com-panies. I consider it a significant failure no the part of some of the Institutions of the City of London owning shares in the company, or acting on behalf of those who do, that the present management of British Leyland was allowed to con-

we now seem ro be facing enother failure and this time more serious. Brinish Leyland oeeds cash of at least £50m and probably considerably more. The Government is proably more. The Government is proposing to step io and supply this cash and presumably will take a major share of the equity. The banks, the insurance companies and othera bave propped up many "fringe banks" to the tuoe of £1,300m. They have provided cash for equity issues for a major insurance group such as Commercial for equity issues for a major insuraoce group such as Commercial
Uoion, and a major finance house
such as UDT. They beve supported
large property groups, Town &
City, helped in the reconstruction
of financial groups like Vavasseur.
Surely support could be found for
British Leyland, a major emplayer and a major export earner? I am not suggesting thet support should be given in any manner other than a strictly commercial one. I suggest a fundamental capital reconstruction takes place with a large cash iojection. At the same time the manage-ment should be changed. If these things were to bappeo, perhaps the City would have every reason to demonstrate to the world at large its efficiency and could easily rebut the frequent doubts raised about its

future role.
Yours faithfully,
ROGER W. MARSH,
36 Paulton's Square, SW3.

Forecasts on inflation From the Director of the National Institute of Economic and Social

Research Sir, Dr Thirlwall thinks that the publication by the National Institute of a forecast that, oo the assumption of a forecast that, so the assumption of unchanged policies, prices may rise by 20-25 per cent through next year, will itself help to sccelerate inflation. The National Institute bas been publishing explicit price forecasts, at quarterly intervals, for at least 10 years. Might not the supleast 10 years. Might not the suppression of this forecast, at this juncture, lead to the cooclusion that

we found the prospect too swiul to contemplate and thus lay us open to the charge of causing even greater Yours faithfully, G. D. N. WORSWICK, Director, NIESR, 2 Dean Trench Street,

Smith Square, SW1. From Professor Henry N. Goldstein Sir. Dr A. P. Thir/wall (December 10) suggests that the recent fore-cast of a high rate of inflation by cast of a high rate of intranon by and Social Research is itself a potent force making for future inflation. If he is right, the solution to England'e biggest economic problem is at baod. The National Institute need only forecast stable or falling prices . . . and voilal Since the forecast is eelf-fulfilling, moreover, no intellectual dishonesty is involved. Yours faithfully,

HENRY N. GOLDSTEIN Visiting Professorial Fellow, The University of Sussex, Centre for Contemporary European Studies, Brighton.

Britain and Middle East

From Mr John Benjamin Simon Sir, I have been a reader of your newspaper for a oumber of years and I am absolutely shocked by your advertisement in the edition of December 11 by the "Committee for Justice in the Middle East". I bave rarely read anything so losinuating, bypocritical and racially defamatory. Although I respect your right m express your views oo the Middla East io your leader columns, I do

oot believe you have the same right to allow such decaitful and false propaganda ro appear nn your pages. The truth ia: British mooey would ramaio in Britaio if Britain did not have to pay the Arah natioos such a prohibitive and extortionate prica for its cartel petroleum. Let that not be forgotten. I am disgusted. Yours faithfully,

John Benjamin Simon, 9 Imperial Towers, Netherhall Gardens, NW3.

School reading habits

From Mr S. Denerley Sir, What a funny world we educa-tionists inhabit! A body of experts has just discovered—no doubt at somebody's expense—that the reading habits of the average schoolboy are steadily declining. Some mooths of research bave good into this; which might seem strange when any classroom teachar could have given the same answer within seconds.

Next year, almost certainly, a similar hody of experts will discover that the writing habits have also mysteriously declined, and start off another francic scrabble as to the whys and wherefores. However, there is possibly a consolamry ray of light on a dark horizon. Television, for economic reasons, has been curtailed so viewing bours will he less.

The average schoolboy may be seen with a book in his hand again ! We, too, can play our part by glori-fying the "flannelled fools and muddiad oafs" a lot less, and encouraging those who want to read and write much more.

Yours sincerely, S. DENERLEY, Headmaster Birkenhead Institute High School, Tollemache Road, Birkenhead,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MPs barred from steelworks

From Mr Gwynfor Evans, Plaid Cymru MP for Carmarthen Sir. There has been considerable discussion in recent years of industrial democracy, of giving workers greater responsibility in industry and more participation in industrial control. With this background, when the Feet March County when the East Moors Warks Council asked my two Plaid Cymru parliameotary colleagues and myself to pay the steelworks at Cardiff a visit yesterday (December 1). Lassumed that the suggestion cartiff a visit yesterday (December 5), I assumed that the suggestion that I should inform Dr Finniston, chairmao of the BSC, of this was pure orotocol. I was astonished to be told by Dr Fionistoo that be and more allow us as poincide the be told by Dr Fionistoo that be could not allow us to go inside that works. Therefore, when we went yesterday to Cardiff, although we were kindly conducted by members of the managemeot over the neighbouring Guest Keen and Nettlefold works, which take at least 80 per cent of the nutput of East Moors, we were not allowed inside the gates of the latter. Outside, members of the East Moors Works Council and supporters gave us a Council and supporters gave us rousing reception.

Dr Finniston's refusal to allow

in this case are under threat of closure, raises important questions. One coocerns the rights of those who work in industry. The invitation to visit East Monra was extended to us by the Works Council Campaign Committee which represents the middle management as well as those who work oo the floor. Is it not fanciful to talk of workers' participation and responsibility when they may not even invite MPs to learn at first hand invite MPs to learn at first hand the facts of their industrial life? Theo there are the rights of elected public representatives such as MPs in relation to indus-

three MPs to enter works, which in this case are under threat of

ries which are said to be under public control. Where is the element of public coorrol in the eteel industry where that is nationalized? The GKN works were not nationalized, but we were raken through them section by sec taken through them section by sec-

cordial discussion with the manegement. It is in the public sector that

we encounter the greatest secrety.

Dr Finniston told me that we could not enter the East Moors works because this would introduce party politics into the situation ! strengthened bis case by adding that strengthened bis case by adding that we were not local constituency MPs, an argument which presumably would shut out the Prime Minister. Is it not strange that a Welsh MP may be allowed to visit a defence installation, bundreds of miles from his constituency, where stringent security conditions prevail, but may not enter a Welsh partionalized steel. not enter a Welsh nationalized steel-works? And that these steelworks may be entered by visitors from countries overseas, including countries on the other side of the Iron Curtain, but ant by Welsh MPs who are helping to fight for their life?

Teo-thousand jobs depend directly on the interdependent East Moors and GKN works. Clnaure of either would be devastating fur Cardiff, the capital city of Wales, and its district. For Wales this is a national issue.

For us Dr Finniston's action bas raised in an acute way the issue of the relenonship between national-ized industries and the democratic process. The questions which we are allowed to ask in Parliament shout nanionalized industries are extremely limited in scope. I was not even allowed in question a minister about Dr Finniston's telsvision statements about the possibility of returning nationalized steelworks to private cootrol. The episode is yet another illustration of the movement of Brirain towards a corporate state, which

is a consequence of the hugeness and complexity of the British etate.

The moral drawn by nationalists in Wales is predictable. There must be radical decentralization of power. Wales should quickly have her own steel corporation and a government and parliament to which it would be accountable.
Yours faithfully, GWYNFOR EVANS. House of Commons.

Raising money for clergy stipends

From the Secretary to the Church under active review to this end. The Sir, No one would question the Reverend D. B. Webb's emphasis upon the gravity of the financial situation facing the clergy and the eerious implications which the current rate of inflation has for their future (Letters, December 5), but he is wrong in contending that few practical suggestions have been few practical suggestions have been made and that little is heard from the responsible authorities except

expressions of anxiety. Io the autumn of this year the average income of an incumbent was £2,003 per annum, the majority of their incomes being in the range of £1,750 to £2,250 per annum. The target range, announced by the Church Commissioners, as Central Stipeods Authority, from April 1975 is £2,100 to £2,500 per annum. Towards this the Commissioners themselves bave allocated s further sum of £915,000 per annum from April 1, 1975, in addition to the £8.7m which they already provide each year m diocesan stipends funds. It is true that this extra £915,000 per annum averages about £70 per annum a head if divided between the total number of clergymen, but it is quite wrong to take this arbitrary figure as a measure of the total increase which it is expected that clergymen in general will receive in 1975. As the letter from Mr Anthuny Lloyd (December 7) demonstrates, the Ceotral Stipeods Authority has much evidence of the efforts which are beiog made in maoy dioceses aod parishes to provide money for stipeode in addition to sums made available by the Commissioners. This year, for example, the additiocal £925,000 per annum msde available by the Commissioners from April 1, 1974, was of itself only sufficient to increase stipends by 4 per cent, but as a result of pastoral reorganization and of diocesan and parochial effort the average iocome of incumbents increased to practice

by 10 per cent. In addition to his stipend an incumhent has possession of a house free of rent, rates and repairs. A stipend plus a free bouse is clearly worth coosiderably more than the same stipend without accommodation and in times of inflation the provision of a benefit in kind is of iocreasing value. The major dis-advantage is, of course, that the clergyman doee not possess a house of his own when he retires. This means that the schemes of the Church of England Pensions Board for providing martgages or rented accommodation on reasonable terms with fuods provided by the Commiseioners must be adequate to belp retired clergymen who bave oeed them, and these achemes are

position with regard to working expenses is that nearly a third of all incumbeous receive reimbursement in full but it remains true that the majority still have to meet some part (sometimes a large part) of these expenses from their own pockets and the Authority bas emphasized and will continue to emphasize the responsibility of parishes in this

These facts show that although some progress is heing made much more needs to be done and done quickly. The fundamental problems of the remuneration of the clergy are that many stipends are inade-quate because the Church has relied for too long on inherited endowment and that there are still too many unjustifiable differences hetween the stipends of parochial clergymen because these endowments bave been unevenly distributed.

The Geoeral Synod has receotly given geoeral approval to the Eodowments and Glebe Measure, which is designed to give greater flexibility in the use of endowments for stipeods geoerally. The Central Stipends Authority, for its part, published this year a consultative document "The Remuocration of the Clergy" which it bas discussed in detail with dioceses. The document is now being revised and will be submitted to the General Synod in Pebruary as a White Paper. The Synod will be asked to approve the paper and eodorse the specific proposals which it makes. These proposals recognize that the

giving of the laity in the parishes must be the primary source of new mooey for supeods, as it is io the case of other churches, and must be hecome an increasingly important part of our supeods system. The Commissioners will contioue to provide each year as much additional mooey for stipends as they can hot growth io the return on invested funds cannot be expected to keep up with infletion at its current level The Commissioners must also have regard to their commitments clergy pensions and housing. Io these circumstances their recommendations as Central Stipends Authority include specific proposals for a standard definition of income and for the adoption by dioceses of plans for raising money from the lairy in the parishes which dafine both the need and the amount which a parish is required to provide in the context of a scheme which is recognized as fair as which is recognized as fair as between one parish and another. Yours faithfully, Church Commissioners,

K. S. RYLE. Secretary. 1 Millbank, SW1. December 10.

Planning delays From the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered

Sir. Your leading article (December 6) was right in saying that the architect who complained of a year's delay in getting a refusal is far from heing an unfortunate exceptrom heting an unfortunate excep-tion. Surveyors have been complain-ing of these delays for over a quar-ter of a century. The late Mr. J. P. Rhys was complaining of them when be and I jointly gave an address to this Institution in 1950. I strove as a planning official for 37 years to cure these delays, which I bate, but they etill occur. they enil occur.

Your leading article went on to place the main blame hy implication on the two-ner local government structure, but delays in deciding planoing applications were endemic long hefore the two-fier aystem (whose disadvantages are was strengthened and applied throughout the country.

Like you I have been pinning bopes upon Mr George Dobry's forthcoming report. His interim report last January was oot an uomixed reassurance, but he did at all events say that control is "being applied to a wider range of matters and in more detail than is strictly necessary. This, I believe, is the key. Planning authorities have got to emplify the issues, decide what resally matters, be firm and prompt on these items and many compting the interest for on those items, and not expect (or be expected) to cootrol averybody

and everything beyond that. I fear that councillors and over-zealoue officials are often equally at faolt, but so are the third party objectors. the residents' associations and the various partisans who all want to have their say.

In fairness to the planning authorities, their jub is unenviable. Before dsciding they bave to consult far and wide; they try to satisfy an awful lot of diverse opinions. In deciding the simpler applications, many of the authorities have very good records. It is the contentious that give rise to delay; and the reason that authorities take a lot of time over them is only because they hesitate to give an outright refusal at the start. Perheps that would he hetter; but by taking time they sometimes resolve conflicts and produce a more acceptable decision.

The fact remains that everyone concerned with land and its use, and the chartered surveyors who advise them, are fed up with delayed action in planning decisions. It is bolding up the effective use of our land. Surely planning authorities have got to he clearer ebout their objectives and firmer and quicker in deciding applications, tiers or no tiers.

Yours faithfully, B. J. COLLINS, President. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, Westminster, SWL Decembar 9.

Academics' respect for truth

From Professor J. A. G. Griffith Sir, Sir Keith Joseph's reply (December 4) in my challenge employs a trick, dear to politicians, which is likely to obscure the truth.

I asked him (November 23) for some pert of the evidence be claimed existed for his assertion that a small minority of university teechers "regards truth as being at worst irrelevant and at best a poliuical weapon m manipulate tha simple-minded". He replied by saying that t was challenging him to produce evidence for his assertioo "that some academics have lost their respect for the truth". He thus abandoned his specific charge, replaced it by one almost totally imprecise, and then produced examples as evidence of bis second formuletion.

I agree with Mr Conrad Russell (December 10) and others that Sir Keith's examples do not support this second formulation. But I take it that even Sir Keith does not claim they have anything to do with bis original assertioo. Yours faithfully,

IOHN GRIFFITH Professor of Public Law in the University of London, The Loodon School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2. December 10.

From Mr Rupert Wilkinson

Sir, Sir Keith Joseph'a letter (December 4) and the replies to it do not give a clear picture of the atate of academic freedom at universities. My own observations of arts and social studies at Sussex, a centre of the controversy, may

Dons here enjoy, and largely exercise, wide freedom in the variety of reading they give students. For reasons unexplained, those who would ban a Huntingtoo, Eysenck or Moseley in the flesh have out tried to ban their writings. In general, bowever, our teaching probably teods to the cooveotional liberal-to-leftist bias of many university communities, and it is in this light that the freedom to invite outside epeakers becomes specially important. It may heoefit even the radical to meet perspectives from an unfamiliar world. The arguments made by a minority here for excluding "reactionary" speakers of emineoce have consisteorly failed m show precisely whom such exclusions would becefit, beyond preveoring offeoce to some university

A studeot unioo resolution bas upbeld the principle of unrestricted freedom to invite speakers, provided the freedom to ask questions is also recognized; and last year an emioent defender of the Americans in Vietnam was beard without fuss. Despite all this, despite the demonstrated commitment of the university's administra-tors to doos' freedom to invite, many faculty seem to be inhibited both by their own hiases and by fear of "trouble" from inviting really controversial, eg, right wing, speakers. Timidity as much as pre-judice is our problem.

Yours faithfully, RUPERT WILKINSON, Reader in American Studies, The University of Sussex, Arts Building, Falmer, Brighton. December 10.

Remarriage of divorcees From Miss Heather Jenner

Sir, I do so hope that the tolerant view of the Rishop of Southwark quoted in *The Times* oo Mooday by Clifford Loogley, your Religious Affairs Correspondent, will epread to the rest of the clergy.

The Bishop is quoted as saying that be would "Support any parish priest who feels io conscience that he cannot follow the Act of Convocation of 1956", ie, refuse to marry in a church acybody who has a former partner sall living.

A number of aerious minded and sincere people, particularly young ooes, live mgether without gettiog married because oos or both of them feel that they might find it impossible to keep their marriage vows. Io most cases it is the vow "To forsake all others so long as they both shall live" which worries them most. In other words, if they make a mistake they are puniabed for the rest of their lives.

It has been suggested that thesa words might be qualified, left out or made optional in the marriage service in the same way as it is now for a bride to promise whether she will obey or not.

Human frailty is much more

recognized and allowed for than it used m be, and allowing for this particular frailty would atop a lot of unhappiness. Yours sincerely.

HEATHER JENNER, Maoager. The Marriage Bureau, 124 New Bond Street, W1. December 10.

Buses in convoy From Mr Leon Kreitzman

Sir, Thie morning I saw three buses, with driver under instruction signs, proceeding in a coovey. Is this well-known technique now as actual part of London Transport training? Yours faithfully. LEON KREITZMAN,

10 Albert Mansions, Albert Bridge Road, SW11. December 5.

MCC touring teams From Lt Col D. M. Prichard

Sir, The injuries and ailments of the English team in Australie are in strange contrast to the ruggedoess of Lord Harris's team of 1878-79. Lord Harria remarked "I made a great mistake in bringing out as maoy as 12 players to Australia. They were all so keen to play that lt would have saved me a lot of bother had I brought 11." Yours faithfully. D. M. C. PRICHARD,

Gobion Manor, Ahergavenny, Monmouthshire at a reception at the Common- the Wimbledon Hill Hotel. The

Dinners



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 11: The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Frequency had an audicace of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Provident of the Rival Society of Arts, this evening attended the Inautural Tolonsky Memorial Lecture engagement is and Colin Francis, only son

ture given by Sir Owen Saunders.
Its R. val Highness was later present at a dinner given by the Reclamation Industries Council at the R. v. Hotel. Mailer Henry Hugh Smith was in attendance. bria.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 11: Princess Alice Duches- of Gloucester was present of an Evening Recording titen by the Stagor of The Royal Burough

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE Delemnet H: The Duchess of Kent, as President Indam strenged a Congressions for the Conferment

Ferlowings and Awards at the Roya Combon College of Music in Manchester.

Her Pie it Highness who travelled in an affectant of The Operation Flight, was attended by Mile Jane Poult and Euclidean Communities and Miss J. R. Woodward The engagement is announced be-

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK December 11: Princes Alexandra, Depart - Connection Union of The December 11 Frank.

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will not be obtained throughout the take the super and would like to take this opportunity of missing all their tricric to Morry Christmas and Huppy New Year

25 years ago

From The Times of Munday, December 12, 1949

General Election yesterday by the Liberals and Country Parties under the leadership of Mr Mennes and Mar. Elike Scaramanga, of Rectory Abbons Ann. Hampsh Second time at the age of 55: his list of ment ration leaded from April. 1939, to August, 1941.

Labour will retorn its majority in the Senate as LE of its Scaraters do not retire until 1938.

Mr Mennes asked for a mandate again to further socializing processes, and he is untitled to claim that he has received it and from the encactment is amnounced tween the encactment is amno

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. T. Addison and Miss J. E. Rarkness
The engagement is announced between William Timuthy, only on of Mr and Mrs W. R. L. Addison of Mr and Mrs. son, of Epsom, Surrey, and Jane Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Harkness, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr R. B. Hnyle and Miss P. A. Baxendell The engagement is announced between Russell, son of Mr and Mrs J. V. Hoyle, of Westmead, Elton Road, Purley, Surrey, and Anoe, elder daugnter of Mr and Mrs P. B. Baxendell, of St Michaels, The Warren, East

and Muss M. P. Jordan
The engagement is announced of
Colin Francis, only son of Mr and
Mrs C. M. H. Jackson, of The
Grange, Priesthorpe Road, Farsley, Punsey, West Yorkshire, to
Mar, Patricia (Patt, only daughter
of Mr and Mrs Hugh Jordan, 115
Eight Road, Clayton Jordan, 115 Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cum-

Mr L. L. Jefferson and Miss E. R. Hunt

The engagement is announced beof the Mayor of The Royal Borough of Mr and Mrs L. R. Jefferson, of Mr and Mrs L. R. Jefferson, of Mr and Mrs L. R. Jefferson, of Mistorough Green, Sussex, and Elizabeth Rebecca, ynunger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. I. P. arrendance.

Mr G. Morell Smith and Viss C. Evans
The engagement is announced between Graham Charles Morell, younger son of the Rev Canon and Mrs Philip Morell Smith, of

and Miss J. R. Woodward The engagement is announced between Brian Richard, youngest son of the late Mr J. Philip Perry and of Mrs Barbara Perry, of Lapley

Smith, of Kemsing, Kent, and Nicky (Veronica), eldest daughter of Cyril and Joy James, of Short-

Mr. A. A. Wilson and Miss M. P. Hawkey The engagement is announced between Man, only son of Mr and Mrs A. C. Wilson, of London, and Meryl, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Hawkey, of Hove,

From The Times of John December 12, 1949
From Our Own Correspondem Canberra. Due 11.—The Labour Party, led by Mr Chifley, was deed sively defeated after eight years and three months in office at the General Election yesterday by the Liberal and Country Parties under Louis Woodford. of Hampstead, NW3, and Rosalind Mart Elise Scaramanga, of The Rectory, Abbotts Ann, Hampshire.

Mr M. H. Worthington and Miss M. A. Mackiotosb The engagement is announced he-rween Wichael, son of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey and Lady Worthington, of Pear Tree House, Sup Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essen, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Mackintosh, of Woodlolds, Galvey, Malmesbury, Wilshire.

Latest appointments include:

Mr M. H. Jackson-Lipkin to be her
Majesty's Counsel for Hongkong.

Majesty's Counsel for Hongkong.

Receptions

Mayor of Kensington and Cheisea Princess Alice, Duchess of Gluucea-ter was present at a reception given by the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea at Chelsea Old Town Hall yesterday evening. Among those present were:

those present were:

Ambassadors and High Commissioneraded liber Ladies; the Lord Mayor and the Ladie Mayor and the Ladie Mayors of Westminster, the Mayor and Madernary and the Mayor and Mayors and Majoress of Windsor and Majoress of Brent, the Mayor and Majoress of Brent, the Mayor and Majoress of Grent, the Mayor and Majoress of Tower Hamids; the Lari and Countess of Anthin, Uscount and Viscountess Esher. Lord and Lady Hacking, the Ilishop of Konsington and Viscountess Esher. Lord and Lady Hacking, the List and Ladie Hamilton, the Major and Ladie Hamids, the Ladie Libert Lord Chief Inglies and Ladie Majoresson, Sir Malby Crotlen, Sir Bendon Rhus Williams, UP and Lady Rhys Williams, Liculerani-General Sir Geolfrey and Lady Evans, Lady Counten, Lady Heath, Sir Craham and Lady Rowlandson, Lady Stephenson, Air Marshal Sir Vetor and Lady Tay. Dr Adan and Lady Rosula Glym, Mr Marshal Sir Vetor and Lady Tay. Dr Adan and Lady Rosula Glym, Mr Marshal Sir Vetor and Lady Tay. Dr Adan and Lady Rosula Glym, Mr Marshal Sir Vetor and Lady Tay. Dr Adan and Lady Rosula Glym, Mr Marshal Sir Vetor and Lady Tay. Dr Adan and Lady Rosula Mrs Frand, Judge Karmel and Vrs Karmel, Judge and Wrs Willis and Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, and Urs Scott.

Dr Njaroge The High Commissioner for Kenya and Dr Njoroge were hosts

Marriages

Hon V. J. R. Baring and Miss L. G. Baring

The marriage took place at St The marriage took place at St Paul's Knightsbridge, yesterday, of the Hun Vivian John Rowland Baring, younger son of the Eart and Countess of Cromer. of Frenchstreet Farm, Westerham, Kenr, and Miss Larinia Gweneth Baring, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Baring, of 18 Thurloe Square. South Kensington. The Rev D. B. Harris officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was altended by Tamara Gray and Jonathan Harmsworth. Lord Burzbersh was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel, and the boneymoon is

Park Hotel, and the boneymoon is Major R. E. Harding-Newman being spent abroad.

Mr G. H. P. Buchanan and Mrs S. G. McCloy The marriage touk place in London yesterday between Mr George

Harpur brasses restoration plea

An appeal has been lauriched hy lormer pupils of the Bedford schools to restore the tomb and hrasses of Sir William Harpur, who endowed the schools in 1566. Sir William was buried in St Paul's church, Bedford, but his tomb was destroyed and the accompanying hrasses lost.

Contributors should apply to the treasurer. Harpur Monument Appeal, 37 De Parys Avenue, Bedfind. More than helf the 5800 needed has been found so lar.

Latest wills

Mr Charles James Glanville, of Whichurch, Hampshre, sleel manufacturer, left £115,791 net (duty paid, £19,169). After personal bequests he left the residue equally among the RAF Benevolent Fund, RNLl, and Dr Barnario's. Barnardo's.
Other estates include (net, hefore duty paid; further duty may be pavable on some estales): Ibbntson, Mr John, of Salton, Yorksbire (duty pald, £8.658) £133.447

Correction

Mr Jushn N. Crane, of John D. Wood and Company, who attended the memorial service for Mr Dudley Delevingne un December 4, was not representing Lazard Brothers and Company Lid as Westminster, SW1, and Mrs Sandra McCloy. of Vancouver, British Columbia. Buchanan, of 27 Ashley Gardens,

wealth Institute yesterday to mark

Kenya's eleventh anniversary of

A reception was held at the Over-scas Bankers Club, London, yesterday for members to meet their new president, Sir Eric Faulkner, chairman of Loyds Bank Ltd, who succeeds Sir Cyril Hawker as president of the club.

British Medical Association Mr Walpole Lewin, chairman of council, British Medical Associa-

tion, gave a luncheon vesterday at BMA House. Those present in-

The Bishop of London, Sir Robert Bradian, Sir Frederick Catherwood, Professor Ralf Bahreadorf, Br R. & Keable-Elliott, Gr N. Z. Leigh, Gr Rodong Smith, Dr Dorek Stevenson and Br Martin Ware.

Second Wedgesday Luncheon Club

The Second Wednesday Luncheon

Cluh held a luncheon yesterday at

Overseas Bankers Club

Luncheons

cluded:

General Sir Philip Christison and Miss V. Wallace Smith The marriage took place quietly on December 10 at Holy Trinity Church, Melrose, between General Sir Philip Christison and Miss Vida Wallace Smith.

Mr E. W. G. Dver and Mrs T. Witts The marriage took place yesterday in Landon between Mr E. W. G. Dyer. of Denmaston Barton, Strensull, York, and Mrs Trenwith

and Mrs S. K. de Chair The marriage took place quietly in London on December 11 hetween Major Edward Harding-Newman, 4th.7th Royal Dragoon Guards, and Mrs Susan de Chair.

Wills, of Yeomans Row, London, SW3.

Today's engagements

guest of honour and speaker was Lord Greenway and Mr T. Han-

Reclamation Industries Council

The Duke of Edinburgh attended

a dinner given by the Reclamation Industries Council at the RJE Hotel yesterday. The guests in-

The Earl of Limerick, Lord Darwing, General Sir Richard Word, br. 27 Superion, Sir Boyek Erm, Sir Moyridh Whitaber, Mr. 30 Macher, Mr. Mr. G. Oakes, MP. Mr. Hugh Ressl, Mr. G. Oakes, MP. Mr. Hugh Ressl, Mr. Dr. H. M. Flantston, Mr. J. S. Cortis, Mr. P. M. Hallick, Mr. J. Ley, Mr. Norman Wells, and Mr. J. M. Sisson.

The argual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom was held at Grosvenor Honse last night. The president Mr J. Lindsay Alexander, presided, and the other speakers were Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, Dr A. W. Pearce, and Vice-Admiral J. D. Treecher, Vice-Chief of Naval Staff.

Chamber of Shipping

of Naval Staff.

The Prince of Wales opens Sony (UK) Lid factory. Bridgend. 3.25; attends Welsa premiere of Munder on the Orient Express. followed by reception. Cardiff-

Middle Tempie, S.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester is present at London
House, Mecklenburgh Square,
Bioomsbury, 6.

The Duchess of Kent, as president
attends Not Forgotten Association's Christmas party, Royal
Major General Str Rupert Brazier
Mews, Buckingham Poiace, 3. Mews, Buckingham Palace, 3 Mews, Buckingham Peiace, 3.
Princess Alexander opens Talevision Centre of Scottish Television, Glasgow, 5 : is present at
charity ball in aid of Scottish
Council for Care of Spastics,
City Chambers, Glasgow, 5.
The Lord Mayor presides at Court
of Common Council, Guildhail.

Degree for Queen

Cambridge University Senate has invited the Queen of Denmark to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Law on June 5, 1975. Queen Margrethe, who has accepted, was in residence at Girton College in the academic year 1950-51, and holds the uni-Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother dires with Berthers, Middle Temple, S.

Suppers

Anglo-Swiss Society

Mr W. A. de Vigier addressed members of the Anglo-Swiss Society on experiences in modern

management at Staboners' Hall last night. The Rev Lord Sandford,

who was accompanied by Lady Sandford, presided over the meet-ing. A buffer supper was beld afterwards. The Swiss Ambassador

The president. Mr Brian P. Smith,

gave a supper party at the Royal Society last night in honour of Mr G. W. J. Troworloge, after the presentation of the Sir Alfred Herbert Paper for 1974. The guests were:

guests wore:

Mr. R. Burrell, Mr. P., B. Rlood,
Mr. H. Burrer, Mr. S. Dancer, Mr.
A. F. Frodsham, Mr. A. M. G. GallersPratt, Mr. A. R. R. Goldsmith, Mr.
Pratt, Mr. M. R. R. Goldsmith, Mr.
Mr. G. Gass, Mr. Ronald, G. Hooker,
Mr. G. Reself Peror, Mr. H. N. Raine,
Dr. R. E. Schoffeld, Mr. Leslie P. Simpsen, Mr. S. Nooslord,
Mr. F. S. Nooslord,

was among those present.

Institution of Production

Sir Kenneth Blockburne, 67; Major-General Sir Rupert Brazier-Croagh, 65; Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill, 58; Canon Frederic Hond, 79; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd, 80; Sir Robert Matthew, 65; Sir Edward Maufe, 91; Lord Milligam, 76, Lieutenant-General Sir Philip Neame, VC, 86; Mr. John Osborne, 45; General Sir Norman Tailyour, 60; Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, 67.

Science report

The presence of dust particles in the atmosphere could cause either a net cooling or a net warming, depending on the properties of the particles and of the underlying surface. It is important to know which effect is likely to dominate the likely t which effect is thely 10 dominate in order 10 determine the likely effects of man's polluting activities on the chimate. A study flescribed in a recent issue of Science shows that a relatively simple model can give a useful indication of how the effect is likely to develor.

develop.

Small particles that float in the atmosphere are called aerosols. In general, these particles are no more than one millionth of a metre in diameter—and they should not be confused with the should not be confused with the waste gases released from so-called "aerosol" sprays, which have also been implicated in processes that might damage the balance of the atmosphere. The particles may be produced naturally—in fires or by volcanic processes, perhaps—and are cernially now being produced in not insignificant quantities by industrial processes. In exhaust fumes trul processes, in exhaust fumes from motor vehicles, and so on.

It is natural, from our everyday experience of hazy condinuns, to imagine that the presence in particles caborbi for which has the particles in the atmosphere will cause the Earth to cool down, because they block out some of the Sun's

heat. Indeed. Professor Reid albados above 0.50, the net effect is always heating; and for albedos gist, has argued that just that process is hurrying the onset of the next ice age. Ber actually the difficulty is not as strategicierward as that.

A professor Reid albados above 0.50, the net effect is always below 0.35 the net effect is always cooling.

Dr Reck emphasizes that those distributions in the calculation of all the calculations.

As well as reflecting radiation from the Sun, particles in the atmosphere will also reflect back some of the heat radiated from the Earth below, and they will absorb some of the Sun's heat themselves. Put in simple terms, the particles may cause a net cooling if we have "grey" particles on top of a "black" surface, but they may lead to a warming if we have "are," parocles above a "winte" surface. There are further complications, the heaful in the announce.

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Science. December 13 (126, 1034: 1974). Nature-Times News Service, 1974.

Atmosphere: Effect of dust

As well as reflecting radiation

modified in detail. The calcula-tions take no account of all the properties of the aerosol particles, the size distribution of the par-ticles, and the effect of ordinary water clouds. The surface albedos used in the calculations are aver-ages for the whole globe: the net hearing of cooling that will result in an Earth that has many different kinds of reflecting surface lice. kinds of reflecting surface lice, mater, desert and forest, for example) is much harder to deter-

Clearly atmospheric science is still a long way from understand-ing such effects in detail. It is certainly unwise to commue indiscertainly unwise to commue indis-criminate pollution of the atmos-phare until we do know just what effects are likely to be produced. On the other hand, however, it dres seem that suggesting that man's pollution is about to cause a new ice age are too ill founded to cause serious concern just yet.

Solicitors' costs in divorce proceedings in county courts glasses a uniform

Castillejo v Castillejo that the taxation was on a solicitor Before Mr Justice Payne, sitting and own client hasis; that the

with two assessors.

An assessment by the raxing officer of costs incurred in matri-montal proceedings on hehalf of a respondent wife was upheld by

Law Report December 11 1974

Mr Justice Payne. HIS LORDSHIP said that the court had reviewed, on the appli-cation of a wife respondent in matrimonial proceedings, taxation by one of the taxing officers in the Family Division of her costs against the petitloner, her former

The parties married in 1958, In February, 1972, the husband had been granted a decree his under section 2(1)(b) of the Divorce Reform Act, 1969. There were no children. The deputy circuit judge made an agreed order for financial provisions. Later, because of the husband's misunderstanding of the agreed order, there were lengthy negotiations over the former matrimonial home and there was a summons for committing the husband for contempt by his refusal to implement the court's order. Finally, on May 21, 1973, no order was made for committal of the husband but by consent the or the husband but by consent the court's orders were varied in accordance with the revised agreed terms. An order was made that the busband should pay the wife's costs on a solicitor and own client

Part one of the bill of costs ran Part one of the bill of costs ran from November, 1970, to June. 1972, part two from June to April 1, 1973, and part three related to April and May, 1973. It was clear that the order for taxation on a solicitor and own client basis extended to all the costs.

In the opinion of his Lordship and the experienced assessors the case could not be described as one

of exceptional difficulty or complexity.

The wife's complaint against the taxation was that the taxing officer as prescribed under item 6 nf omined to have regard to the fact rufe 5.

the Rolls. Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycuick

The words "generally accepted accounting principles" in the phrase depreciation, calculated in accordance with generally

accepted accounting principles ", an allowable cost increase under

the Pay Code (paragraph 28 Ilil (d)), cover a principle which is

generally approved as acceptable by the accountancy profession,

even though only one enterprise may apply it in practice.

Disputes between industry and

the price Commission should be

dealt with expeditiously and the

Commercial Conrt provides a good

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal hy the Price Commission

from the decision of Mr Justice Donaldson on November 11, hold-

Donaldson on November 11, Rotaing, on the trial of a preliminary issue, that the fact that the plaintiffs, the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd had consistently calculated depreciation in accordance with an accounting base or method which was generally recognized by the accountance profession, was sufficient to

ancy profession, was sufficient to

forum for a swift decision.

proper principles were not applied: and that in particular that, al-ibough the bulk of the work io preparing for trial was performed by a qualified solicitor, a partner in the firm, wholly inadequate rates

in the firm, wholly inadequate rates were allowed by the taxing officer. The use of the phrase "solicitor and own client costs" had given rise to some of the differences between the parties. Order 62, rule 29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court referred to "costs payable to a solicitor by his own client". Although there was no reference in the Rules on the point, there was no reason why in the High Court parties should not agree, or why a judge should not order, as between party and party, that the costs should be taxed as between solicitor and own client although they were to be paid by the other party. The effect would be to enable the solicitor laxing the bill to recover all his costs against the other party and to leave himself without any solicitor and own client items outstanding against his own

In the present case the proceed-ings were in the Divorce County Cours and the costs had to be taxed under the County Court Rules, 1936, and the Solicitors Act, 1957. The Matrimonial Causes (Costs) Rules, 1971, provided that the costs of matrimonial proceedings in the Divorce County Court should be on the divorce scale contained in the appendix to those rules. The wife had complained of the reduction of three items which were within item 6 of rule 5—preparing for trial or cause or matter. The taxing officer had reduced the sum claimed from £53S

reduced the sum claimed from £53S to £41S.

Rule 6(1) gave the taxing officer a discretion, which he had exercised to allow more than £45

Mr Norman Tapp, QC, and Mr

Christopher Bathurst for the com-

mission; Mr Gordon Slynn, QC,

and Mr Richard Southwell for the

sald that the company wanted to increase their prices. They had to comply with the Price Code admini-

stered by the Price Commission.

Differences had arisen between the

parties as to the amount of any increase. The commission said that

the prices could be increased only hy 13.9 per cent, the company by

The difference was over the

allowance for depreciation according to which basis of accounting should be used. One basis was called "bistoric cost" accounting: one took the original cost in money terms of the particular plece of plant, then its estimated life and depreciated it by so much of the historic cost. The commission urged that basis. The cumpany said that "replacement cost" accounting the which plant was the delaintife did. The completed accounting the property of the listoric cost. The commission urged that basis. The cumpany said that "replacement cost" the delaintife did. The completed the control of the particular than the property of the counting the property of the counting the counting

accounting, by which plant was revalued from time to time and its depreciation calculated on the companies revalued each year as the plaintiffs did. The commission revalued from time and its and it was not "nanorally depreciation calculated on the companies."

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depreciation calculated on its re-

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

Associated Portland Cement
Manufacturers Ltd v Price Commission

Before Lord Denning, Master of
Before Lord Denning, Maste

company.

Accepted accounting principle even if little used

There was nn reference in the

There was nn reference in the rules to taxation on a solicitor and own client hasis, but under rule 10 section 73141 of the Solicitors Act, 1957, applied.

His Lordship agreed with the editor's comment in Butterworth's Costs, 4th ed, vol 2, p 9 (County Cours): "It thus appears that a solicitor can charge his client soll-citor and own client costs for any citor and own client costs for any work done prior to the commencement of proceedings and after obtaining judgment and even for work done during an action provided that the charges are not relative to the proceedings which may be charged in a party and party bill of costs. . . . It must be emphasized that only items in the scale will be allowed on a solicitor. scale will be allowed on a solicitor and own client taxation.

to his Lordship's opinion the taxing officer had correctly observed the provisions of the section 73(4).

It might be that the phrase "as hetween solicitor and own client" was inappropriate in any taxation in a Divorce County Court, but its use by judges indicated to the taxing officer that he should exertise his discretion with regard means the state of the taxing officer that he should exertise his discretion with regard means the should exert th clse his discretion with regard to discretionary items in such a way as to allow the solicitor the maxi-mum sums which were reasonable

in the circumstances. The wife's solicitor had con-The wife's solicitor bad con-rended that section 73(4) bad no application to discretionary Items. His Lordship could not accept that contention. The taxing officer, having regard to the indication given to him through the use of the phrase "solicitor and own client", had taxed the costs on an Indemnity basis subject to the restraint imposed upon him by section 73(4).

The solicitor had properly set out in his hill of costs the number of bours in which he was engaged and the number of letters and telephones. Those particulars had not been questioned. He had claimed

The company had revalued its assets in 1955, 1960, 1969 and 1974, which looked like period

19/4, which looked like period revaluation. In addition, they also "topped up" every year so as to allow for the annual difference in value. They had

in value. They bad used certain cost indices and revalued their

assets so as tu show the depreci-

ation increase each year to take

account of the changes in money

when currencies were comparatively stable. But in days of inflation and the changing value of money the historic cost method was not the only method of dealing with depreciation. Modern methods of accountancy pointed to the fact that plant could be revalued from time to time.

The court had to consider a

The commission had nailed their. flag to historic cost accounting. That method was all very well

£15 per hour for personal atten-dance, long telephone calls and time spent perasing documents plus 50p for skill, care and attention. The husband's solicitor had offered £10 an honr plus 50 per cent. In the taxing officer's opinion

those figures were more than he himself would have reached and represented the maximum which could be allowed, but as they were offered by the husband's solicitors be allowed them without more ado. In the court's opinion the sums offered were reasonably generous. It should not be taken that the court was sanctioning a rate of £10 an hour for Divorce County Court work for the general run of cases in 1970 to 1972. Unquestionably higher rates must now be con-

sidered, but they would not be applicable in the present case. The wife's solicitor had taken the further point that the relevant work for which £15 an hour had been claimed was all performed by a solicitor and that a higher rate should be allowed than would be appropriate had the work been shared between a solicitor and bis unqualified staff.

Taxing masters, registrars or taxing officers for many years bad allowed appropriate rates for time spent in solicitors' offices on the preparation for trial without seek-ing to separate the time spent by a solicitor personally and the time spent by his unqualified staff. The courts on costs appeals had not interfered with that practice.

The work bad been taxed at £10 an bour plus 50 per cent for care and attention, which was sufficient notwithstanding the work was per-formed by an experienced and qualified solicitor. The application for review failed, and the bill of costs was allowed as taxed.

Leave to appeal was granted. Solicitors: Doyle, Devonshire, Box & Co, for the wife; Macfar-lanes for the busband.

ship did not accept that interpreta-

tion.

The expression meant a principle which was generally approved as acceptable by the accountancy profession. That was sufficient even

though only one company applied it in practice. The plaintiff com-pany had brought their claim within paragraph 28 of the code as an "allowable cost increase".

Their method of accounting was

generally accepted as permissible. His Lordsbip agreed with the

he dealt with expeditiously, as was

done hefore Mr Justice Donaldson and their Lordships. The appeal should be dismissed.

agreeing with the Master of the Rolls and the Irdge, said that,

although it was infrequently used, there was a perfectly legitimate

accountancy principle on the re-placement cost basis. Disputes between industry and the Price

Commission had to be dealt with quickly and the Commercial Court

provided a good forum for a swift

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK, also

Mr P. Colbey.

JUSTICE ROSKILL.

Cases like the present had to

Family Division Black berets and dark

O'Moran v Director of Public Prosecutions
Prosecutions
Before Lord Widgery. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and Mr Justice Warkins.

The section referred to a person in a public place wearing a uniform. The word "wears" implied an article of apparel so that one whole not describe a badge Prosecutions Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Melford Ste-venson and Mr Justice Warkins. Men wearing dark glasses, black berets and dark clothing when escorting the coffin of a fellow supporter of the Irish Republican

movement in a funeral procession were beld to be wearing a uniform signifying association with a politi-cal party, contary to section 1111 in the Public Order Act. 1936. The Queen's Bench Dirisional Court dismissed appeals by Sea-O Maran and seven others against convictions and fines imposed last Joly by Mr William Robins, a stipendiary magistrate sitting at Old Street, for offences civilization to section 111) of the 1936 Act.

1936 Act.
Section 1 provides: "11) . . .
Any person who in any public place or ar any public meening wears uniform signifying his association with any political organization or with the promotion of any political object shall be guilty

the DPP.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that on June 7 relatives and friends of Mr Michael Gaughan, who had died in prison in the Isle of Wight, conveyed his body to Cricklewood, North London. The eight appellants took up positions in two parallel files of four in front of the hearse and marched in military style to Kilburn railway station. The from there to the Church of the Sacred Heart. Each appellant was dressed in a similar fashlon with black or dark blue berets, dark glasses, black roil-necked pullovers and other dark clothing.

The following day the appellants appeared near the church in similar dress and were warned by the police that they were hreaking the law. The coffin was then brought to the porch of the church Isle of Wight, conveyed his body brought to the porch of the church and a speaker delivered an oration in English and Gaelic, referring to the Irish Republican movement.
The terms of the problbinon in section 1(11 had to be considered.

as a uniform. But a beret and dark glasses were clearly worn. The second requirement was that what was worn had to be uniform

In deciding whether a person was in uniform different considerations arose according to whether he was alone or with others. If a man alone wore a soldier's clothes it was not necessary to prove that that was a uniform; it was clear and judicial notice could be taken of it. But If a man wore a black berer it would not be uniform un-less evidence was called to sbow that the beret had been used as uniform. In the present case the eight men were together, and acting in association that article was uniform without proof that it bad previously been used as sucb. The fact that the men had deliberarely adopted identical articles of attire was enough if it was for the purposes of showing associa-

the purposes of showing association.

The articles did not need to cover all or a certain part of the body. The appellants wore pullovers and dark glasses, as well as berets. His Lordship had no doubt that they were wearing uniform within the meaning of the Act.

The Act also required that the uniform should signify association with a political organization. There were two possible ways of proving that: the prosecution might show that black berets were associated with a particular organization and it would not be necessary to specify the particular organization; or the significance of the uniform could be judged from events seen when the uniform was being worn without regard to past history.

His Lordship agreed with the magistrates' findings that the matter was a question of fact and degree and that it was not necessary for the prosecution to identify the notifical organization further.

sary for the prosecution to identify the political organization further or give it an exact title. The con-victions would be upheld. Solicitors: Jonas Grove & Co, Birmingham; DPP.

Onus of proof on landlords

Roland House Gardens Ltd v Cravitz It was for landlords seeking an

order for possession of a flat to prove that a tenant who had been in occupation fur 18 years had, hy an absence of five weeks, gone out of residence and thereby lost her protection as a statulory the Court of A recal said tenant, the Court of Appeal said.
Their Lordships allowed an appeal
by Mrs Elizabeth Cravtiz against an
order for possession of a oneroom flat in Ruland Gardens. South Kensinglun, made by Judge McIntyre at West London County Court in favour of Roland House

Gardens Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that the issue was whether the tenant confinued in residence and was entitled as a statutory tenant was entitled as a subtitory tenant to the protection given by the Rent Acts. The tenant contended that the onus was on the land-lords to show that she bad given ords to show that she bad given up her residence. The landlords comended that on a true construction of section 3 (2) of the Rent Act, 1968, it was for the tenant to establish all the factors involved in having Rent Act protection and, therefore, it was for her to establish the fact of sections. her to establish the fact of resi-

statute, was not intended to change the law was emphasized by the unusual form of section 3 (2). The section was intended to incorporate by express words the meaning of the 1920 Rent Act as it had been developed by decided cases. It was settled law that temporary absence did not deprive a tenant of the protection of the Rent Acts. His Lordship doubted that the

landlords' contention on the construction of section 3 12) was correct, particularly in the light of the language used by Lord Justice Asquith in Brown v Brash and Ambrosc 1[1948] 2 KB, 247), in which he seemed in say that in the first instance the burden of growing that a tenant had gone of proving that a tenant had gone out of residence was on the land-lord, but that in the case of a sufficiently prolonged absence the burden might shift to the the burden might shift to the tenant. It was not necessary in the instant case to decide where the burden originally lay because the admitted facts were sufficient to throw the burden on to the landlords even if it had been on the tenant to begin with. The landidrds had failed to establish that the tenant had gone on of that the tenant had gone out of

DAME NANCY PARKINSO International friendship Nancy Parkinson able person could be

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countries.

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individual could reasonably singularly appropriate distinction. Nancy Broadfield Parkinson In the financial vici: was educated at the College, Harrogate, and at Bedford Colof the postwar years, during the 1950s, it was b lege, University of London, of which she later became a gnvthat Dame Nancy's divi ernor. She read science, and as least, and this was proa young woman she was athletic. fair impression. The Skiing long remained one of her pleasures, and it is one which takes less account of age than people from overseas wa tial. It would have had been done by some orga Dame Nancy first made her if not by the council, an mark in work for the National Nancy had incomparable Union of Students. This was recognized in 1938 by her being

benefited from her work

ence, and a way with be was hard to resist. She was subject to certing changes of mo transferred to the British Council She was for many years Controller of Home Division there were few staunch leagues, and few more g in responding to an apparadministrative ability, jt and, subject to the guidance of the director general, she was of character and sense supreme in all the council's pose were such that sh her extensive domain

challenge. council was a young and com-Her devotion to the paranvely untried body, its mandate originating in 1934, its never wavered. She man interests hers, and althu purpose to promote a wider knowledge of Britain and the gave her fuller friendsh English language abroad, and to develop closer cultural relaingly, when she did so with particular warmth tions between Britain and other enjoyed power, and the

which go with it.
It helped to give zest The war brought pressing and unexpected difficulties, not least being an influx to Britain of people of many nations and of all ages. It was Dame Nancy's needed doing, and one she believed must 20 of the country of the people of the country she believed must 20 o world is to more towar home, and feel that Britain was unity which can now from the fullest nossibl time. She was as successful as ledge between diverse only a direless and supremely Dame Nancy was un Dame Nancy was uni

MR THOMAS R. HENN

Mr T. R. Henn, CEE, who has and in 1957 towards the died at the age of 73, was his period as senior n Emeritus Fellow of St succumbed to an a Catharine's College, Cambridge, and Emeritus Reader in Anglo-Irish Literature. He was senior tutor 1945-57 and for two states which left him lame in This prevented him from ing; for be insisted the could not shoot with tutor 1945-57 and for two periods president.

husiness to help absorb them, above all to make them feel at

worth living in, if only for a

Going up to St Catharioe's from Aldenham as a Scholar in Modern Languages in 1919, Thomas Rice Henn soon made his mark in the rapidly developing college which was taking shape after the 1914-1918 War. After a First Class in Modern Languages he turned to the English school which was rising under the guidance of Quiller Couch, and in 1923 he won both the Charles Oldham Shakespeare Prize and the Members' English Essay Prize.

A couple of years as ao employee of an oil company in India, and he was back at St Catharine's. to play a con-tinuous part in its life and deveprejector tutor, senior tutor and presi-dent. However much administrative work he accepted, and he took a very great burden, Henn always maintained a full

teaching programme and was completely devoted to his pupils. By 1939 Hean had created at St Catharine's a school English which was second to none in Cambridge. He brought many distinguished authors into touch with bis undergraduates at the Sunday meetings of the Shirley Society at which he presided and his Monday evenings in his rooms were known throughout the university.

The youngish man who went off early in the Second World War to take a commission in the Intelligence Corps, returned to Cambridge in 1948 as a hrigadier with a CBE, an American Legion of Merit, with a General Staff hackground and with experience of administra-tion of occupied enemy territory. Taking office as senior tutor at St Catharine's, he was at his best in dealing with the problems of selection and admission in the postwar period, while at the same time he served on the General Board of the Faculties and on the Council

He embarked on a detailed to hiblical studies, study of W. B. Yeats which partly by literary p study of W. B. Yeats which culminated in the publication of *The Lonely Tower* and he followed this up in 1957 with his Harvest of Trngedy.

This was a great period for Henn; hot it was exhausting, greatly to his reputatio

MR L. H. STOREY

Mr Leslie H. Storey, who died on December 9 in a Liverpool hospital, after a hrief illness, was 69. He trained initially as a chartered accountant and, after some years of practice, joined the Widnes timber importing firm of William Evans & Co (Manchester) Ltd as assistant secretary, eventually rising to the position of chairman One of his last major activities in business life was to arrange the merger of the firm with Southerns Ltd in 1968, to form the joint timber products company, Southerns-Evans Ltd.

He was also noted for his involvement in the work of trade associations, particularly the Timber Trade Federation of the UK, of which he was president from 196S to 1967, and the Fibre Building Board Developmeni Organization. He was a member of the governing council of the latter body for over 20 years, and a denuty chairman from 1960 to 1971. In June, 1971 he became chairman of the organization and was elected its president in June this

The Hon Mrs Pott, widow of Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Pott, DSO. MVO. died on Sunday 21 the age of 89. She was the elder daughter of the Hon William Ardeckne Vanneck, and she was married in 1914. Her hushand died in 1968.

skill he would not go wounding birds. Fishing remained a

pleasure, and he is per well known outside Ca for his book on Practi tying as for his work c or on tragedy. As the maintain an authoritan tion faded, the poeti which had always been emerged.

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The appointment ma difference to his inte his acrivities. greatly to introduce t Arts Tripos to Cambria he was the first chain that faculty board. M naturally into the elde.. man, patronising the v the best sense of that v rhe university, while I ings and occasional hr spread his reputation out the worlds of scholarship and educat brought to him two h doctorates, including or Trinity College, Duhlin

he especially valued. In spite of his infirmit mastered the tragedy by the death of his or In this, as throught career, he was comfor his wife. Enid: and the knew them cannot th strength partly hy des new interests as he nea ing the acclaimed figure as the Sligo School in memory of

Yeats developed. At the same time he arising from corrent tions of the New Testam the Psalms. His work

DR ADAM

and president of the last Pyramidology, died on from injuries received. recent road accident. Last February friends

party for bim at the ... House Hotel, near Cairo, he could enjoy his 80th h at the Great Pyramid its had visited Egypt on occasions and had l about the Great Pyras Europe and America. the author of the five-Puramidology.

André Geraud, who under the name "Per and was one of France' widely quoted jour hereen the two world died yesterday at his c home at Segur-le-Chatea was 92. After the World War he was a J affairs specialist for the

Mrs William Randnlph l widow of William Ra Hearst the American new magnare, has died at th

Porteous, CB, Deputy G ment Actuary between 19-1953 when he retired, ba at the age of 82.

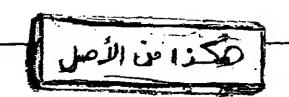
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agreeing, said that "accepted" in paragraph 28 was equivalent to "approved". Solicitors: Treasury Solicitors:

RUTHERFOR Dr Adam Rutherford,

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of 92. Her husband died it Mr Douglas





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ound falls again s Saudi 'desire' or non-sterling eals confirmed

pound's exchange rate t the dollar fell almost m \$2.3170. But its decline en heavier in many Eurofinancial centres and its tive depreciation " against currencies (since Decem-171) worsened from 21 per 21.4 per cent-the weakel ever recorded.

support in London there eports that assistance was ing provided in New York Federal Reserve Bank, gh this was not substan-However, some of the st selling of sterling ed to be coming from that , as well as from Paris wich.

e estimates put official rt for the pound at mation of the rumnurs bad first begun to rock g on Tuesday came just e New York currency t opened. It is believed about 20 per cent of n's oil payments to Saudi bad previously been in pounds, with the e in dollars.

losure of the Saudi on has come as represenon has come as representof the Organization for
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red for today's meeting
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pring to devise a single
ice structure, and this is
ted to result in a further
increase next year in the increase next year in the oil price. This will furburden the British import md exacerbate inflation. Acern bad already been ming at the recent foration in the health of the rs has also compounded

Arvo Westlake ling agaio fell sharply on ternanooal curreocy marresterday as it was confithat Saudi Arabia did nor e" any further oil receipts de Arabian American Oil e" any further oil receipts
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confirmation, which was ed in New York by a man for Exxon, ooe of amco shareholders, led to selling of sterling and the Bank of England to abstantial support.

However, it will result in a once-and-for-all fall in the level of the sterling working balances held by the oil companies. At the same time, the knowledge of the regular oil-company purchases of pounds for oil obstantial support. purposes has been an important psychological prop to the cur-

> The Arab oil receipts would on longer come—if other countries followed the Saudi example to London on a semi-automatic hasis. Moreover, if inflation in Britain did reach the more pessimistic lavels forecast, it would he running substantially above what many of their London investments could bope m yield.

In Vienna yesterday, Mr Abdul Rahman Al-Aniqi the Kowaiti oil minister, who was there for the OPEC meeting, said no basic changes of policy over oil payments were con-templated. The intake of sterling and dollars dapended on his country's requirements at any given rime, he said. . In the first six months of this

year the oil exporting countries received over \$8,000m of their revenues in sterling. Of this sum about a quarter

was retained in sterling balan-

Presumably Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, who yesterday completed three days of talks with government officials in Saudi Arabia, tried to get some assurances from them that they would continue to invest their revenues in London. An agreed statement was issued in Riyadh which referred to the talks tak-ing place in a "very friendly and constructive atmosphere".

One decision taken is for a joint Saudi-British committee to meet in Riyadh next February to discuss details of new economic and industrial co-operation between the two

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overnment rejects R-R ttlement criticism

ien the third report from Committee of Public unts is dehated by the Com-Public early in the new year, Mr and du Cann, the chairman, his colleagues can be ex-id to press a number of the isms to which the Govern-: bas replied in the Treaminute published yester-

r du Cann is seeking the after the recess because onblication of the report, of h a typescript was available eptember has been delayed now by printing difficul-

it runs to some 230 para-its covering 27 different es, the committee is con-ring publishing it in instalts io future, if any particusubject matter seems suffi-ily important and in need

ublicity.

te Government has rejective criticism in the report the amount paid to the eiver for the assets of Rolls-

laid down in the heads of agreements was surprising in that it enabled the receiver of an apparently bankrupt firm to pay all creditors in full and to distribute £26.9m to stockholders.

The Treasury and the Department of Industry draw attention in the minute to the fact that on the day on which Rolls-Royce Limited went into receivership, the Government announced that it would purchase the aero engine part of the company, because ir considered that it was essential in the national interest that there should be no doubt as to the continuity of this part

of the continuity of this part of the company.

"While the Government was committed to purchase the aero engine assets of Rolls-Royce Limited and to achieve this quickly by voluntary negotiation," the minute goes on, "the receiver's duty was to obtain the best price possible for the assets."

for the assets.

It would have been clear to bim, it is suggested, that there were powerful considerations which were bound to influence the Government towards maintaining the RB211 project. The ce was excessively generous Government's ability to demand Government for the incidental benefits to shareholders and creditors, it is argued, was corsection the pricing formula

'ake over Panel adjourns Iiss Penny Brahms' case

Peter Wainwright

i appoint three independent ectors, the Take-Over Panel iterday again adjourned the

Miss Brahms, who is now ried to Mr "Dandy Kim" born-Waterfield and who inrited control of L & G from a late busband, Mr Clive phael, yesterday visited the nel for the second time in the second time the second time in the tee weeks.

Afterwards the Paoel issued statement affirming that the oremaining directors of & G were anxious to comply th Panel orders, and to find ree iodependent directors nding the giving of votes to e big majority of L & G archolders.

The Panel said it "recognizes at the directors of Land & soeral face difficulties in find g volunteers to act on the ard One of these difficulties the fact that the Department Trade has appointed inspec-

tors to inquire into Land & General".

ter enjoining former model as Penny Brahms, who consis Land and General relopments, the property upany, to enfranchise the up's voteless sharebolders and property in a specific three independent directors to assist L & G through this transitional period".

The case has been adjourned to December 20 when Miss Brahms, who controls L & G through her private concern Napet Securities, will report to the Papel's director general controls. the Panel's director general oo negotiations being conducted hy

Napet.
Miss Brahms bas already sold
271,000 of L & G voting sbares
to Mr Peter Ronald KnappFisher and his colleague Mr John Charlas Dalby.

John Charlas Dalby.

If Miss Brahms completes her deal with him, as seems likely, it will presumably be up to him to award votes to the "A" shareholders and/or make a hid. He paid Miss Brahms around 17p a share

The £im bid put forward by Somerston Shipping, a Bermudian group and Channel International Trust of Jersey, which was contingent on eofranchise. was contingent on eofranchise ment, has now lapsed, leaving Mr Knapp-Fisher alone in the

Gilts fall and shares plunge to 20-year low By Our Financial Staff

Londoo stock markets suffered further losses yester-day after confirmation that the switching by some American oil companies of payments from sterling to United States dollars had brought a further setback for sterling.

There was increasing nervous-ness in the City ahead of today's announcement of the United Kingdom trade figures for last month, with some sources now predicting a deficit in the £550m-£600m range.

Against this background, gilts

Against this background, gilts lost up to 1 of a point, and equities plunged to a 20-year low. The FT index lost 4.4 per cent on the day, to close at 150.4, its lowest point since June 16, 1954—not allowing for devaluations, or for the fall in the value of money.

Gilt-edged stocks were extremely weak. Prices fell back in the last hour of trading on talk of heavy intervention in New York to defend sterling. But most stocks, particularly at the longer end, were already at all-time lows before this further decline set in.

decline set in.
Yields on undated stocks are at record levels. The yield on Treasury 2½ per cent was 17.85 per cent at the close and only a modest fall today would push it through the 18 per cent level. The yield on War Loan 3½ per cent was 17.59 per cent and on Consols 2½ per cent 17.49 per Consols 21 per cent 17.49 per

cent.
The market feared that the Back of England might be obliged to raise Minimum Lending Rate shortly to provide

support for sterling.
In the equity market, selling pressure remained relatively light, but nervousness increased as the continued slide in sterling was followed by in-creased selling of sbares in London, which appeared to come from continental sources. With the OPEC countries expected to meet today in Vienna,

oil shares were unsupported, in spite of Wall Street's overnight rise. The miners' wage claim, together with the signs of strain in the motor industry, again undermioed heavy engineering therein. eering shares.

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There was a minor rally in late dealings which enabled ICI to close a vet 2p eff. at 116 after touching 115p earlier. But Hawker Siddeley were finally 12p off at 122p, with selling of the shares gathering pace in late dealings.

to cheer market

By Our Financial Staff A 6p fall to 46p in General Electric Company's share price yesterday reflected stock market disappointment with the electrical group's interim figures. Profits turned out to be £71m after six months, against some expectations of £75m.

Nevertheless, GEC's profit was nearly 5 per cent higher on sales 154 per cent up at £605m. Once again, the company's substantial cash resources helped; interest and investment income moved up from £3.8m to £9.4m. This was one of the factors which helped fill the profits gap caused by a sharp downturn in consumer product earnings. Financial Editor, page 19

Price body loses cement appeal

An appeal by the Price Commission against a decision of the High Court on cement pricing was rejected by the Appeal Court yasterday.

Associated Portland Cement

Associated Portiand Cement
Manufacturers started proceedings when the commission reduced its application for a 16.75
per cent increasa to 13.9 per
cent. The company said yesterday it had probably lost mora
than £1m to date by its failure to get the full increase.

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How the markets moved

5p to 22p 6p to 150p 2p to 9p 3 p to 71 p 18p to 164p 6p to 46p 3p to 94p

Equities fell to 20-year low points. Gilt-edged securities gave fresh

ground.
Sterling fell 70 poiots m \$2.3170.
The "effective devaluation" rate
was 21.4 per cent.
Gold dropped \$3.75 to \$174.00.
SDR-\$ was 1.212150 while SDR-£
was 0.521916.
Commodities: Copper prices fell

Inflation and state policies caused a setback to North Sea boom, US oil chief says

Lord Duncan Sandys, chairman of Lonrbo (right) and Mr 'Tiny' Rowland, chief executive (left), accompany Shaikh Nasser Sabah al Ahmed to the group's extraordinary general meeting in London

pronouncements, shareholders that be held modest stakes in a showed their enthusiasm for number of United Kingdom in-

Lord Duncan Sandys's sentiments were echoed by Shaikh Nasser himself in a short address to bis fellow-share-holders. During the time be had been a Lonrbo shareholder, he said, he had been very impressed by the group's management both in bead office and in the field.

He therefore felt that this toanagement could serve the dual purpose of employing additional funds productively to en-

tional funds productively to en- underdeveloped nations as part

good rate of teturn and of the world economy and find

Criticism of the Government's offsbore oil policies was made in London yesterday by Mr Jerry Maier, executive vice-president of the American-owned Conoco North Sea.

He said that while there may not be any nonceable evidence of a deckue in offshore activity, there were forces and indi-cators at work which reflected the actual mood of the industry. Earlier this year, be con-tinued, there had been all the ingredieots for a manmoth oil boom despite the high costs and technological problems. But the boom bad not gained

the momentum expected. Speaking against the back-ground of an announcement by BP that it had abandoned the second of two dry wells west second of two dry wells west to be of the Sherlands—at a cost of Britain.

Shaikh takes

the Lonrho

By Margaret Drummond

Lonrho, the controversial Pan-

African trading conglomerate

headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, will become the first

United Kingdom public company with a shaikh on the

hoard, following formal ratifica-tion of a £6.1m deal with Kuwaiti business interests at an

extraordinary general meeting in London yesterday.

More than two hundred curious sbareholders gathered

at the Grosvenor House Hotel to catch a glimpse of Shaikh Nasser Sahah al Ahmed, 25, the

son-in-law of the ruler of Kuwait who, with the purchase of eight million Lourho shares

becomes the group's second largest shareholder and its main

source of funds and contacts for

expansion in the Middle East

Lord Duncan Sandys, Lonrho's chairman, told share-bolders that the Arab States

wished to take an active part in furthering economic develop-ment in Africa.

Shaikh Nasser rightly believed that Lonrho, with its organization and experience, was an ideal vehicle for launch-

ing development projects.

Lourho itself would benefit

from an active association with

powerful

and Africa,

seat on

board

cs.6m—Mr Maier said that roaring inflation, late deliveries, the cost of borrowing money and uncertain government proposals on tax and participation bad changed the oil industry's victor

industry's views.

There shoold be no misconception as to the degree of concern which the oil industry felt about the future, he said. The legislation on participation and the petroleum revenue tax could have a more profound. and the petroleum revenue tax could have a more profound effect on the oil industry than anything else that had arisen since exploration began Mr Maier, who was addressing a conference organized by The Financial Times, said that more time should be taken to make in depth studies needed

make in-depth studies needed to eosure that the decisions taken this winter would prove to be of lasting benefic to

to re-write contracts entered into several years ago to fit today's economic climate, then industry similarly deserves assurances of favourable read-justments of terms if it is jeopardized by future changes that are disadvantageous ro it ", be added.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Opposition spokesman on energy, also gave a warning that if the Government insisted on huying 51 per cent of American companies' North Sea interests below market value, there could he retaliation against British interests in America. It was left to Mr John

Smith, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Energy, to defend the Government's poli-cies. He mid the conference that participation was the dis-

rinctive theme of the Govern ment's policy.

"That should bardly cause surprise hecause it is oow a feature of oil policy by nearly

all producer nations on a worldwide basis", he said. "Despire differences of political and social outlook, it has become almost standard prac-

Rights of control: The right of the United Kingdom, through Parliament, to exercise full control over exploration, depletion, disposal and taxarion of its own oil and gas resulted to one of the resources would be ona of the main considerations when the European Community energy ministers met io Brussels oext week, said Lord Balogh, Minister of State at the Department of Energy, speaking in The Hague yesterday.

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deadline

for Spanish

British Leyland has delivered

plant sale

the Spanish Government.

the company wants a decision on the plant's future before Christmas.

Brinsh Leyland wants to sell

its 98 per cent bolding in the Authi plam near Pamplona to General Motors for £27.5m. The workforce at the plant bave

given their backing to Leyland's proposal, hut the Spanish Government has delayed giving

permission for the deal to go

The Spanish Government is

helieved to prefer the plant go-ing to a consortium of local

told the Spanish premier that

Leyland sets

an ultimatum to the Spanish Government telling it that approval for the sale of its Spanish plant must be given or the responsibility for the continued employment of its 4,500 workers will be passed oo to

The main impact right across the industry, where actual earn-ings now range from about £35 to £65 a week, would be on such In a letter to Señor Carlos
Arias Navarro, the Spanish
premier, Mr John Barber,
British Leyland's managing
director, has made it clear that things as overtima rates, holiday pay and bonus schemes related to hourly rates. The effect on all of these would mean a buge increase in the Industry's annual wage costs at a time when a great many firms are already facing financial difficulties.

Mr Barber spent last week-end in Spain discussing the situation with Senor Alfredo Santos Blanco, the Mioister for Industry. No official statement was issued after the meeting. equal pay for women workers.
The national negotiations which will open early in the oew year will be led by Mr. Hugh Scanlon of the AUEW, who is chairman of the confederation's engineering committee. mittee.

Some of the more moderate union leaders on the confedera-tion executive may well take the view that the new round of negotiations should begin on a manufacturers made up of Seat, Fasa-Renault and Citroen, but the price the consortium is prepared to pay is nearer £20m. much more flexible basis without any commitment to a firm In his letter, Mr Barber has Leyland is not prepared to go on financing Authi while oegotiations take place. He has said that Leyland is prepared to band over to him its responsibilities concerning the 4,500 more at the place. Business Diary, page 19

Commonwealth producers seek double sugar price

The money bad not been ear also assist in the further commarked for any specific promercial developments of many jects. While the group was not

sure a

By Hugh Clayton Commonwealth will tell the British Govern-ment today that they want almost double the present price

for their sugar.

They would not say last night exactly what price they wanted for the 1.4 million tons for which the EEC has guaranteed

But Mr Percival Patterson, Jamaican minister of foreign trade and spokesman for 18 cane producing countries said in London last night: "It is a question of 1.4 million tons at a good price or of none at a bad price."

had price."

He said that Jamaica bad just concluded a long term sugar deal with Iran. This would take account of world price changes and would be "subject to the general principles of indexation".

Here again he world.

Here again ba would not reveal the exact price, but be agreed that it was close to the present free market price of more than £450 a ton.

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£1m to date by its failure

t the full increase.

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Minister of Agriculture, today.

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12p to 122p 12p to 158p 10p to 40p

2p to 7p 5p to 37p 10p to 305p 5p to 74p

York Trailer

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on Saturday they are to meet countries Mr Lardinois, EEC Commis-Govern sioner for Agriculture.

short of cash, the injection of a further £6m would not do any

Despite these rather vague

what may go down in bistory as

the first petrodollar rights issue hy voting beavily in favour.

Mr Patterson said that the producing countries wanted a basic price that would not only cover production costs but would permit loog term investment in and modernization of the cane producing industry.

Doubled subsidy wanted: Cane sugar refiners in Britain have told the EEC Commission that

they will need double the sub-sidy that Brussels estimated in October in order to secure 200,000 tons of free market sugar for sale at Community prices. The Commission estimated a

subsidy of about £100 a ton, but the amount needed bas turned out to be nearer £200, industry sources said yesterday.

The British Sugar Corporation said that the white sugar yield of beat delivered to its factories so far in the present barvest would be about 375,000 tons. This represented 57 per cent of

the crop.
A further 7 per cent was in clamps awaiting transport to factories and the rest was still in the ground.

The Times index: 60.53 -2.00

THE POUND

FT index: 150.4 -6.7

Littlewoods places big computer order

ways of funnelling petrodollars into developing the infrastruc-tures of emerging states.

After the meeting Shaikh Nasser, whose family controls tha large Kuwait-based conglo-merate Gulf International, said

dustrial companies, confessed to a sbareholding in British Ley-land and stated his intention of

A contract described as one of the largest computer orders ever made in the United Kingdom has been placed by the Littlewoods Organization to develop its mail order and chain-store computer systems. The order has been won by Honeywell Information Systems The computers bave been ordered by Littlewoods to develop the on-line mail order entry and accounting systems

British · Leyland's losses at

through.

In addition Mr Barber has made it clear that British Ley-laod considers the Spanish Government to blame for the current situation because of its delay in deciding whether General Motors can buy the plant.

workers at the plant.

Authi last year are estimated at £44m and it is auxious to sell the plant to lease its serious cash situation.

By R. W. Shakespeare Union leaders representing 2.5 million engioeering workers will meet in York today to decide details of what is likely to be the biggest pay claim ever lodged in the industry. They will also discuss the mounting crisis in Britain's car plants which will, in turn, affect the jobs of hundreds of the jobs of hundreds of thousands of workers in the components firms.

The National Executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions will draft the details of the new national claim which will be submitted to the Engineering Employers Federation at the eod of the year.

The claim will cover workers in 5,000 different companies, in 5,000 different companies, many of them among the major suppliers of the motor industry, and it will be intended to take effect when the existing national agreement on wages and conditions runs out in March.

The executive is likely to be under strong pressure from some unions, particularly the AUEW leadership, to put a firm figure on the pay demand.

Some union leaders are understood to have in mind a understood to bave in mind a new industry-wide skilled basic rate of £50 a week, which would mean an increase of £18 a week on the present level.

Other elements in the new package of demands by the 19 engineering unions are likely to be a reduction in the working week, possibly from 40 to 35 hours, longer holidays, im-proved overtime rates and

New EEF chief

Appointed

Mr Anthony Frodsham, group specialist adviser to United Dominions Trust and a director of UDT Industries, has been appointed directorgeneral of the Engineering Employers' Federation in succession to Mr Martin Likes Mr. sion to Mr Martin Jukes. Mr Frodsham will join the federa-tion on January 1, formally assuming his new duties on February 19 when Mr Jukes retires.

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again with cash wire bars down fil.50 at £555, its lowest level since February, 1973. Tio lost another £17.50. Cocoa futures fell between £9 and £11 and the London daily sugar price was cut another £20 to £460. Coffee was a shade higher. Reuters index was 4.6 lower at 1.200.4 1.81 Spain Pes Sweden Kr Yngoslavia Dnr 42.50 4.6 lower at 1,200.4. Reports, pages 21, 22 and 24

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Greece Dr
Hong Kong \$ 11.30
Italy Lx 1,595.00
Netherlands Gld 6.05
Norway Kr 12.65
Portugal Esc 99.00 Norway Kr Portugal Esc 5 Africa Rd

Steel billets shortage brings request for import duty exemption

A request for import duty to be exempted on high carbon steel billets for the whole of next year is being considered hy the Government.

The application, made at a time of softening demand for steel in many sectors, reflects the acute shortage of hillers experienced by re-rollers largely ecause of the British Steel Corporation's inability to meet demand after unofficial disputes at main plants and a shurtage of raw materials earlier this year.

It is understand the application was made by the British Independent Steel Producers Association and, if approved, would be an extension of an already existing exemption. The BSC is not against an extension nn import duty exemption until the end of March next year, but would want the situation re-

The current shortage is be-lieved to have forced some rea week and one or two com-panies have placed orders with panies have placed organization where European suppliers where prices, although spill higher than quarter was the poorest since one heginning of the year and the self-organization of the year. kedly in recent weeks. below all According to the authoritative ing 1973.

Metal Bulletin, European prices are now around \$105-\$107 a ton compared with \$125 and \$140 a ton earlier this year. United Kingdom prices are around \$75

However, the BSC is seeking price increases from the beginning of next year to reflect have additional costs since the average increase of 25 per cent creases would almost certainly Hit British prices to about the same level as present European

prices. Drnp confirmed: Official confirmation of the drop in steel demand throughout the Europear: Community-increasingly apnarent in sieelmakers in recent weeks-was given yesterday by EEC authorities.

Orders for rolled steel products in September amounted to 7.95 million tonnes and, although this was up on the 7.57 million tonnes received by EEC steelmakers in the previous rollers to operate only four days month, it was well down on the 9.2 million tonnes in September a year earlier. The order flow over the third

below all quarterly figures dur-

Italian mission aims to clinch Iran deal

Raffaele Girotti. chairman of the Italian stateowned Hydrocarbons Corporation ENI. left today for Teheran to cooclude a wideranging agreement for Iranian participation in part of ENI's refining and distribution operations, in exchange for long-term supplies of crude oil.

According to Italian sources, the outline of an agreement has heen reached after several months negotiations, but some serious obstacles still remain such as the price of the Iranian crude oil, in he supplied over e period of probably 20 years. On this hinges the size of the

Iranjan participation in Industria Italiana Petroli, merly Shell Italiana, which ENI bought from Shell a year ago, end possibly also in certain ENI activities outside Italy.

Paracetamol exemption call An application has been

received by the Department of widely-used analgesic paracetamol. The department does not disclose the names of applicants for exemption nrders, but if sanctioned the exemption would operate for a year.

There is a world shortage of paracetamol. This has been aggravated in the United Kingdom by the controversy over medicines containing phenaceanother pain-killer.

Since September 1 these have heen restricted to prescription sales only. This follows an accumulation of evidence over many years that when used regularly Marchan division, said last

those in the United Kingdom. phosphates.

Signor Girotti's visit at overcoming these obstacles. His departure came after a meeting here vesterday of ENI's executive management committee. He is accompanied by Signor Lorenzo Roasio, managing director of ENI's petroleum subsidiary, AGIP, and by Signor Pasquale Landolfi, head of ENI's foreign operations.

Anniher aspect of the discussions between ENI and the Iranians is understood to be a project for the supply of liquefied cas by ship once the Suez Canal is renpened.

Italian sources emphasize that the negotiations are quite separate from the official visit which President Giovanni Leone is paving to Teheran next week, though if they go well it may be possible to initial the agreement while the President is

£2.7m detergent plant investment

Investment of £2.7m in new production facilities for sodium Trade for the temporary exemptor tripolyphospate was announced tion from import duty of the vesterday by Albright & Wilvesterday by Albright & Wilson, one of the world's largest producers of detergent phosphates.

> Whitehaven, Cumbria, to produce 85,000 tonnes annually, representing an increase of about 50 per cent on existing levels, with completion of the plant scheduled for the middle of

Mr John Wills, managing director of the company's for long periods, phenacetin night that the latest investment may damage the kldneys. may damage the kidneys.

World prices of paracetamol
are significantly higher than world position in detergent

HARDY

FURNISHERS

INTERIM REPORT

The Unaudited Group Results for the half year are as follows:

Turnovar

Trading Surplus Amordsation & Depreciation

Interest Payable

Trading Profit

(Decrease) Increase in Reserves for Deferred Profit and Unearned Charges

Net Profit before Taxation

Taxation at 50% (Comparatives at 481%) ...

Net Profit after Taxation

Dividends to Outside Preference Shareholders

Net Profit attributable to Holding Compeny

Dividends to Preference Sharebolders

Earnings

Earnings per Ordinary and 'A' Ordinary ...

Dividends on Ordinary and 'A' Ordinary Interim at 1.155p per share (1,155p)

Debtors on Hire Purchase Agreements and

Reserves for Deferred Profit and Unearned

Dehenture Stock and Mortgoges

Bank Overdraft

year and adequately covered.

Charges

Amounts due from Customers

Final et 1.60+p per share

28 weeks to 28 weeks to

11th Aug.

1973

£'000

14,765

1,932

170

210

1,552

1,542

745

790

788

3.4p

266

2,887

16,018

4,650

2.022

2,673

10th Aug.

1974

000°3

12,503

174

1.014

507

507

500

266

2,793

14,759

4,354

2,016

1,567

In common with other retailers, turnover and profits were adversely affected by

national conditions at the beginning of the year. However, measures were taken to

meet this situation with the result that trading has now improved and performance in

the second half of this year is expected to equal that in the same period last year.

Subject to unforeseen circumstances, the total divideod should be no less than last

An interim dividend of 1.155p per share will be paid on the 24th Jaouary 1975 to shareholders on the Register at the close of husiness on 27th December 1974.

Bonn talks opened on reflating economy

By David Blake

A two day session of talks on the shape of the country's expected reflation package was opened by the West German cabinet yesterday. Details of the measures to boost domestic demand end to comhat rising unemployment are expected to be announced tomorrow.

uocertainty about whether the Germons would reflate was dispelled in Paris earlier this week by Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor. He stressed the need for those couotries which are in a strong position to reflate to prevent the world sliding into deep recession and possibly even a big slump this winter. over a million workers expected to be out of a job in the coming months there are strong

reflete. These pressures have been re inforced in the talks which Chancellor Schmidt has been holding with leaders of other countries in the Community and with the United States.

domestic pressures on Bonn to

Apart from any altruistic interest in the well-being of other countries, the Germans are concerned that any worsening of the world aituation could lead to a rash of protectionism in other industrialized coun-

tries.
The most likely measures, according to Bonn reports, would involve injecting somemound involve to ecting something like 1,500m Deutsche marks (about £263m) from contingency reserves, and the payment of 5 per cent or 7½ per cent bonuses for investment in capital goods canital goods.

These measures, hy concentrating on capital investment, would be in line with the greater concentration on investment which is seen as necessary as a result of the switch of wealth away from the west towards the Arab oil producers.

Plan to simplify local authority borrowing

Standardization and simplify cation of the system through which local authorities borrow money are urged in a report by Butler Till, a prominent money broking firm. The report, which has been

mainly written by Sir Harry Page, now a consultant to Butler Till, calls for the consolidation of all non-negotiable horrowings ny local authorities into one nstrument. This would result in the re-

placement of the mortgage, the deposit receipt by a loan ocknowledgement The report argues that the

different types of non-negotiable instrument are identical in terms The company said that new instrument are identical in terms capacity would be installed at its Marchon division site at security, and should therefore be issued under a common heading. Negotiable paper, it says, should be standardized inm three categories. These are the bill, with a life of less than one year and normelly issued in bearer form; the bond, with a life of one to eight years; and the stock, with a life of more

than eight years. The report, entitled "Money Services for Local Authorides", is being circulated to more than 500 local authorities and to some

Year to

26th Jan.

1974

€'000

28,484

3,954

440

3,188

2,729

1,409

1,320

1,306

1,302

5.7p

266

384

3,047

17,424

5,140

2,019

14

Nationwide's survey finds 70 pc of home buyers are under 30

Seven out of teo of today's homebuyers are under 30 and almost half of them are firsttime buyers, according to a surdeposit was £6,001.

vey, published yesterday by the Netionwide Building Society. The survey carried out during the period July-September this year covered approximately per cent of mortgages granted by all building societies during that period. The homes bought by first-

quarters bought houses costing less then £11,000. Despite the squeeze on morigages, more than 60 per cent of

Average

hese buyers obtained loans

end of the market; over three-

£1,000. This contrasts sharply with the position of second time huyers where the average

The ability of e young couple to buy a house is becoming more and more dependent upon the income of the wife. The survey confirms that there has been a sharp increase in the proportion of borrowers with working wives whose incomes are taken into account when granting a mortgage.

time buyers were at the lower Repayment for normal mortg ages, before tax relief, represented 24.4 per cent of family income for first-time buyers compared with 21.6 per cent for previous owner occupiers. -

Previous owner

12,736

2.223 Loan % mortgega edvance ... Barclays issuing two

9.499

currency cocktails'

THE HOUSEBUYERS

By Christopher Wilkins

Two new currency "cocktails" bave been introduced by Barclays Bank International aimed at minimizing the exchange rate risk for companies engaged in international trade.

The currency units are to be known as tha B-Unit and the Commercial Eurco. They ara primarily being directed at companies involved in long-term contracts where normal for-ward cover in the foreign exchange market is not available.

The B-Unit incorporates five currencies each with equal weighting, the pound sterling, the Deutsche mark, the United States dollar, the French franc and the Swiss franc.

The Commercial Eurco, which is being aimed mainly at trade between European countries, is comprised of nine European currencies, weighted according rate fluctuations.

to each country's GNP and halance of trade. It differs from the Eurco, as introduced a year ago by N. M. Rothschild, in that where two-tier exchange rates exist, the commercial rates are used for international trade and

transport.

The B-Unit is designed as a flexible formula which can be adapted to particular trading situations. Other currencies can be substituted for those in the basic formula, or the existing currencies can be given differ-ent weighting to reflect the needs of particular circumstances.

As with other currency cock-tails which have preceded the two new units, such as the unit of account and the European currency unit, the objective is to offer international traders a settlement vehicle which will diffuse the effect of exchange

Social contract must be changed, CBI head says

By Malcolm Brown Mr Ralph Bateman, president

of the Confederation of British Industry, said in Cardiff yesterday that the most impor-tant task of 1975 must be to get hold of inflation by the neck end strangle it".

A central feature of this must

be to renegotiate the social cootract, Mr Bateman told industrialists

"Nobody would envy any unemployment."
ministers the task of drawing Earlier, Mr Bateman had up effective counter-inflation issued e warning against the else, finds it much easier to cent or more inflation next identify the problems than to year.

geared first and foremost to the lems.

protection of jobs; the Government and the trade unions see unemployment and not inflation as 'public enemy number one '

"If I am right, theo we are indeed facing a major crisis, because until we develop an antidote to the disease of inflation, there is no hope of curing the unpleasant and unacceptable. symptoms of the illness, such as tional machine of government?

policies," be continued. "Cer- dangers to democracy of what tainly the CBI, like everybody be estimated might be 20 per year.
"There are extremists, on the

But one thing is embarras. Left especially but also on the singly obvious: the Government must renegoriate its social contract.

Right, who, like packs of hyenas, will laugh at our tract. "In my opinion, this Govern-pickings among those most ment's general strategy is dazed and injured by our prob-

Fed laws could involve big changes in US bank system

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 11

Legislative proposals that will lead to drastic changes in the Umited States banking system are now being finalized by the Federal Reserve Board. But they have to be accepted by the Congress.

powers held by the Compt-roller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

bank of San Diego and the Fraoklin National Bank of New

Fed is planning was revealed in a speech m the Institutional Investors Institute by Mr John Sheehen, of the Fed's board of governors. He favours a centtralized Faderal Bank regulatory structure that will give the Fed's board in Washington firm control over all aspects of monetary policy and over regulation United States hanking industry.

the 1,000 state chartered banks that are also Fed members, while the Comptroller of the Currency is the chief supervisor of the 5,000 national registered banks and the FDIC is the prime regulator of 8,000 atate banks that are not memhars of the Federal Reserve System.

Mr Sbeehan printed out that one consequence of this divided power of the banks was the great delay, lasting five mouths, in bringing the Franklin aitus-

He said: "At a minimum, I propose that when a problem bank becomes a borrower from the Fed'a discount window thet the Fed immediately—by lew— becomes the primary regulator responsible for working out a solution."

He said the Fed bed the

responsibility to be lender of last resort to all banks, but it did not have the power to control all banks and this unteoable situation should be resolved by incorporating the powers of the FDIC and the Comptroller's office into the Fed system.

The reforming plans go far beyond this area, however. A number of influential Fed board members would like to see legislation that directly ties a bank's asset and liability growth to growth in a bank's basic capital, as a means of ensuring that benks pursue responsible expension policies.

Some members, including Mr Sheehan, want the Fed to have far greater powers over bank

Savings 'must not hit tourism'

Fuel and roading cuts must not be allowed to affect the tourist trade, MPs hava been warned by Sir Mark Henig, chairman of the English Tourist "Unlike the commuser, the

holidaymeker usually has a full car and can usually justify its use against the claims of competing transport", he told the all-party roads study group. "It would indeed be a serious matter and e very undestrable by product of our energy restrictions if local economies were to lose their tourist trade

10 pc fertilizer price rise plea

largest fertilizer manufacturers in Britain, have told the Price Commission that they can justify charging on everage of 10 per cent more for their products next month. This news comes only a week after farmers faced a further rise on compound animals feeds and concentrates.

phosphate rock had more than doubled in the past year. A further increase of 8 per cent on this important raw material was likely snor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finance Bill's breach of Treasury undertaking on Capital Transfer Tax

Sir. In the spring Budget debate the Chief Secretary to the Treasury announced that any gift made between March 26, 1974, and a date to be fixed in the second Finance Bill would not be chargeable to Capital Transfer Tax if it would have been exempt from estate duty if the donor had died on tha day after the gift was made. This undertaking was repeated in the White Paper on the Capital Transfer Tax published

in August. In one important respect, the Finance Bill published today fails to give effect to the Chief Secretary's undertaking. Under the old estate duty rules, gifts (including settled gifts) of pro-perty outside the United King-dom made by individuals domi-ciled outside the United Kingdom would have been exempt from estate duty if the donor had died on the following day. Any such gift made after March 26, would accordingly have been unequivocally within the Chief Secretary's undertaking

However, clause 40 of the Finance Bill gives an extended nefinition of "domicile", which appears to operate retrospectively. This means that in-dividuals who are within the extended definition of domicile

Sir. There are certain of your contributors who can no longer surprise me by the remarkable doctrines which they are cap-

able of producing, but Mr Peter

Jay, for whom I have considerable respect, is not one of them.

alarming to observe two or three incidental features of his

arricle " One small pbrase in the

social contract—one giant leap for inflation", which must

surely leave any thinking reader uneasy in the extreme, First, on the definition of the contract itself, the recent

exchange of correspondence between Mr James Prior and

Mr Len Murray has shown to say the teast, that there is a point m he made; yet we find Mr Jay writing: "Indeed, the social contract itself, as set out in the TUC's Supplementary Report A..." And lower down in relation to the paragraph which has apparently

graph which has apparently caused all the trouble: "It can hardly be what the TUC drafts

men intended, nor what the

When writing these phrases, were the bairs on the back of

Mr Jay's neck entirely relaxed in the light of his bland eccept-ance of the substitution of ona

pressure group for the constitu-

Treasury understood . . .

This made it all the more

From Mr A. L. King

Alarming features of eminent

thought on social contract

nition, and who have made gifts or settlements between March 26 and December 9, will be liable to Capital Transfer Tax

on those gifts and settlements. There can he no doubt thet quite a number of such individuals have made gifts or settlements during that period in re-liance on the Chief Secretary's undertaking, and have been advised that they could safely

Whatever the general merits or demerits of the Copital Transfer Tax, it is surely very ong that it should be so drafted as to cause a breach of the Chief Secretary's undertaking.

Since no previous warning has been given of any inten-tion to qualify or restrict the undertaking, it is very much to be haped that the Government will see fit to amend the Bill by providing that the extended definition of domicile shall not anply in determining whether gifts or settlements made hefore December 10, 1974, were made by persons domiciled outside the United Kingdom. Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM GOODHART. Lincoto's Inn. London, WC2.

Secondly, his genuine sur-prise—and by implication that of the TUC—at the interpreta-

tion which is developing of the offending paragraph can surely not have been shared by man-

agers experienced in trade union affairs, who will have

known exactly what to expect.

Thirdly, how appallingly revealing, in a so-called comract of this character, is Mr Jay's reservations about the CBI—

. . to be included as a con-

tracting party, provided that it does not make conditions out

side the specific field of pay restraint and directly related

We were told ad nauseum during the general election that

the social contract was with all

macro-economic questions ".

respects foreign policy.

Yours faitbfully,

50 Waggoo Road. Hadley Wood,

A. L. KING,

Highlands,

Cedar Lodge, Saddington, Leicestershire Bank efficienc

back me up here.

Yours, etc. C. J. HUGHES,

From Dr R. J. Bridgwater Sir. Recent correspondence referred to the functions of clearing banks and assistant small businesses.

Propagand •

concerning

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From Professor C. J. Hugh Sir, Mr Kinsman, in your ness News (November

asserts confidently that the

referendum, used for the

cess of democratic decision

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thing meet to be referred

word came into our land

from the old Swiss Confed

and its modern successors.

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By analogy it also refe all taking back of proj (made by a represen-assembly) to the sove

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then the plural is referent

Similarly one does on ta nne wishes in be the educated — of propaga because propaganda, too.

gerund. The Oxford diction

The premise is wrong.

Whilst it is true that more should he done for businesses, which alone put this country back on it again, I would like to cri the banking system for its a ent inability to achieve a efficiency in assessmen viable projects.

My own personal li-knowledge shows that l bave financed some busir which at worst go bankrup at best show only a small r on capital, whilst others apparently better records starved of capital. (I won't tion exports since even Go ment pleas to the banks little effect here.)

the people and covered every aspect of government-econo-At a time when capital mic, social and even in some short supply I feel that hanks should adopt a responsible attitude to lei The sort of criteria in this and give preference to panies with good returns cnntext which a discerning and experienced writer like Mr Jay now seems prepared to accept fill one with more misgivings almost than inflation itself. ployment, exports and

values. Yours faithfully R. J. BRIDGWATER, Maoagiog Director, Maybridge Chemical Co L Trevillett, Tintagel Cornwall. December 9.

Year

INTERIM STATEMENT



PHOENIX

ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

ESTIMATED RESULTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1974

The following ara the estimated and unaudited results of the Phoenix group of companias for the nina monthe ended 30th Septembar 1974 with the comparative figuraa for the corresponding period in 1973 and ectual results for the full year 1973:

	to 30.9.74 £'000	to 30.9.73 £'000	1973 £'000
Net pramiuma written:		2 000	£ 000
Fire, accident, marina and aviation	130,325	119,929	161.889
Investment income Underwriting profit:	11,048	8,359	12,347
Fire, accidant, manina and aviation	-2,805	2.593	2,448
Long-term	1,043	944	1.391
Less expenses not charged to	9,286	11,896	16,186
other accounts	517	- · · 520 ·	516
Profit before tax	8,769	11,376	15.870
Leas tax	3,104	3,348	5,747
	5,665	8.028	9.923
Lass minority interesta	1,205	1,114	1.330
Net profit	4,460	6.914	8,593
Earnings par ahara	10.90p	17.20p	21.36p

Note: Overseas currency transactiona have been converted at rates of exchange eppropriate to the panods in quantion. In converting US doller transactions for the 9 months to 30th Septembar-1974 e rate of \$2.33 has been used compared with a rate of \$2.41 for the 9 months to 30th September 1973 end \$2.32 for the year 1973.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Investment income has increased by 32% from £8.4m to £11m. After taking account of undarwriting losses of £2.8m (1973 profit £2.6m) profits before tax and minorities are 28.8m compered with £11.4m for the corresponding period in 1973.

In the United Kingdom with the uncertainty as to future rates of inflation it has bean considered prudent further to strengthen outstanding cleime reserves to reflect the enticipated cost of eventual aettlements. The home fire and accident underwriting loss is £0.7m.

in the United Stetes the resulta in the early part of the year were affected by tomadoes. There te evidence of some detarioration in cleims experience in the third quarter. The fire and accident loss at 30th September amounts to £1.25m.

Measuras to improve the quality of the account in Canada have brought a reduction in premium income. Underwriting shows a modest improvement over the corresponding position in 1973.

In Australia additional transfers to outelanding claims reserves have contributed to tha underwriting loss of £1.5m.

In other parts of the world Irading results have been good. Premium growth hea been affected by currency fluctuations.

LONG-TERM BUSINESS New business figures are as follows:

rw aums assured w annuifies per annum	::	::	to 30.9.74 Em . 511 3.9	to 30.9.73 Em 452 3.5	197 197 678
ew annual premiums ew singla premiums		::	5.7 1.8	5.8 10.4	11.
•				10.7	

11th December 1974

Proposals to regulate the branches, subsidiaries and affiliates of foreign banks here were ennounced by the Fed last week, but these should be seen as e part of the total reform packege that the Fed is develoption to a conclusion.

Such reforms will give the Fed much greater powers over American banks and reduce the

To some extent the reform planning has been given increased urgency by Fed governors due to the collapse of the United States national bank of San Diago and the

The first insight into what the supervision of the antire At the moment the Fed has far greater powers of the right only to examine fully holding companies,

Fisons and ICI, the two

Fisons said that the cost of

pany claims for a discount to reward them for the develop-

The Saudi claim for 100 per cent participation will be fol-lowed elsewhere in the Gulf and other OPEC countries where the

vestiges of the concessionary system still remain. I; will ulso

series of small but relcome cuts

system to OPEC. Recently

the Shah said posted prices were a relic of the days before OPEC set its prices unilaterally and were "fictious and mis-

As single pricing would im-prove the cumpetitive position

of the state oil companies, sup-

port can also be expected from Kuwait, which had to shut down

part of its production because it

world markets. Iraq, which needs every dollar it can acquire

for its development programme, has been harder hit by its inability to compete in the market place.

No matter how often the

Price controls now abound in

the main consumer countries and governments are taking a

much closer joterest in "arms

leogth" company trading, which will undoubtedly make it diffi-

cult for the multinationals to

charge their marketing opera-

prica for crude oil established

by the oational oil companies in the Gulf.

However, outside Vienna there

are many who believe that these companies will find a way of passing on the cost of the new

system to the consumer.

Consumer

to the coosumer

going market price.

Prestige

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Cash management at GEC

hich apparently dis-

is apart frum domesnces, the company, hat 1974.75 figures 1 better the £151m year. More impor-th, as fears about in-juidity begin to prove More imporsome companies, is Cash, which was 147m from £184m at 30, reflecting intrade investments, I debtor financing, at £120m having re-Im 7; per cent con-an stock. So, at this way, the cash posi-illy shows signs of

rovement. ien, is a company rket worth-of £246m, hich is represented

to work through its area will worry investors Unfortunately, there of that having hap-

974-75 (1973-74) ion £246m ifits £71m (£67.7m) gross 2,24p (1,43p)

cement

1 Associated Portland is managed to obtain io the courts for its g: Eut the Appeol lecisioo yesterday to it the Price Commisbjections does not o an extension of the eo the flood gates for

price increases. consistently used recost depreciation in to the practical implithe Court's ruling, if stricted tu the select ompanies that already vectation in their pub-

ounts on this basis.

or, the rules will

oghtened up under ode. The coosultative, makes allowance for us of plant and up to September 30,

treatment by the forces are rapidly becoming a regained brought in the potent factor in obtaining felectric Company's price increases than legislation, on to 46p. It is, the ye night un halved final figures in July. Still looks like the still looks like the restraint emerged in the autumn Budget.

rages and the in The positive side of the in yesterday's interim Appeul Court's decision lies hich apparently dis more in the psychological fillip that the suppurters of replaceprofits growth is still from the ruling that this is a generally accepted aecounting practice. It is possible of course that the Price Commission could take the final step to the Lords. But judicial support so far for replacement cost accounting can only increase the indirect pressure on the Government to move towards further index-linking in the tax system—relief against stock appreciation belog a crude initial step to that direction-and elsewhere,

Phoenix Assurance Increased provisions

After a string of miserable third quarter results from the leaders in the composite sector, selling successfully working that it is well lanced to take knocks 65 per ceot fall in consumer product tod with substantial ks in the beavy and lectrical engineering. In the composite sector, une would bave thought that the market would bave been well prepared for the kind of figures that Phoenix produced yesterday. Not so, and to be fair it is not too difficult to see where market thinking went awry. As expected, a United States underwriting loss of \$1.25m after nine months recomposite sector, une would bave thought that the market would bave been well prepared for the kind of fair it is not too difficult to see something unforcesen sis year are going to be figher for a p/e o more than 3½ and just over 10 per cent. d and the trading later in 1975 when it o work through its £1.25m after nine months repre-

In the Australian case, howreferm, but this is a ever, the loss is probably h watching and buy greater than might have been the market finally expected sloce the third quarter has produced further significant provisions to deal with the con-tinuing high rate of inflation there. But the real surprise is the £700,000 underwriting loss in the bome operations. Phoeoix bad pointed to increased provisions against inflation at the six-month stage but, with the group now taking a with the group now taking a more pessimistic view on the likely inflationary trend in 1975, provisions bave been increased still further.

As for the 41 per cent down-turn in group premium income io the third quarter, Phoeoix describes this as a quirk that largely reflects increased selec-Canada together with currency scathed and with its gearing fluctuations. Certainly the post scathed and with its gearing scathed and scathe ability to put the case a maximum increase) slightly dependent on the fact below the prospective average. Nine months 1974 (1973) Capitalization £35.6m

Net premiums £130m (£120m) Pre tax profits £8.8m (£11.4m)

Magnet Joinery When demand

slows...

In July, ar the time of the pre-liminary figures, Magnet Joinery epreciation based out a revaluations will the 130p mark. Last night after the interim they closed for easier at 48p and it is difficult to see them bolding even this price given the trading prospects lying ahead.

Sales growth in the six mooths

ome the revised rules law, however, this the code could well be anyway. The reaction from Pilkington Bros, iherent of replacement unting, twas rbat market pects lyiog ahead.

Sales growth in the six mooths to fi.3 per ceot with the shares at 26p looks about right. Was only a quarter than of the period 12 mooths earlier. Capitalization £26.1m Pretax profits £10.6m (£12.3m) Earnings per share 4.8p (7.78p) Dividend gross 4.Sp (4.09p)

trade on which Magnet depends heavily appears to have been no exception. As a result the rate of expansion of oew upenings (to a total of around 112 by the end of the current financial years will be substantially curtailed in 1975 and what there is will be confined almost entirely to filling odd boles in the trading map.

The drop in timber prices uf around a quarter from their peak has left pre-tax profits bearing an unspecified amount of strick losses in the 18 per cent fall to £3.16m. Stocks are currently being reduced with consequent benefit to liquidity, but here it is the proposed stock appreciation measures, worth herween £1.6m and £1.8m, which

will have the greater influence.
Faced with the prospect of
pre-tax profits for the year
drupping from £6.99m to around the ISm mark, the yield on a maximum allowable payout of per cent offers scant comfort while a (fully raxed) p/e ratio of 21 is hardly exceptional for the sector.

Interim: 1974/75 (1973/74) Capitalization £5.91m Sales £14.4m (£12.8m) Pre-tax profits £3.16m (£3.85m) Dividend gross 1.26p (1.12p)

Lloyds & Scottish Justifying its status

It is nor hard to see why Lloyds & Scottish should bave been commanding such o stock market premium over Mercantile Credit and United Dominions Trust. Down by 131 per ceot at the interim, it has finished the year only just over 14 per cent lower and its negligible exposure io the property world has meant none of the crippling provisions seen elsewhere.

On the funding side it bos had the all-important benefit of the extra £60m of fixed rate medium term finance taken on with some foresight in 1971-72. And although the policy bas been in restrict new business, it has not been such a limiting factor as it has for the other independents and Lloyds & Scottisb has been pleking up market share at their expense. Loans related to the finance bouses' base rate, moreover, are up from around 30 to some 4S per cent of the total, reflecting the relative shift within the portfolio from personal to industrial finance.

So Lloyds & Scottish has emerged from an extremely difficult year relatively unenough can be expected this year since depreciation policies are being adjusted oo to a more cooservative footing.

For the present at least the downswing in short-term interest rates bas gone into reverse and during the current year close to balf the cheap medium term loans fall due for medium term loans fall due for repayment and refundiog. But though Lloyds & Scottish says it has bad no difficulty generating money marker deposits, ir admits baving to pay a margin of a or a point more over interbank rates to do so. Not that any of this detracts from the group's standing as the most soundly defensive of the finance houses but it does suggest that houses, but ir does suggest that the going is not yet getting appreciably easier. The yield of 17.3 per ceot with the shares at 26p looks about right.

Roger Vielvoye discusses the influences behind the proposal for a simplified system

OPEC aims in sorting out the muddle over crude oil pricing

Anyone incomerized five the years by the almost incomprehensible system of posted prices for oil can take heart: the end of the system is in sight. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets in Victna indeption of the control with at the top of its agenda, proposals for a simple single price system for crude oil.

So far, the indications frum Arab sources are that the changeover, if agreed, will nut be used as an excuse for further big increases in prices. There may be a few cents a barrel extra, as recommended by OPEC'S technical advisers, to compensate for world inflation, but the general levels will remaio pegged.

To reach a single price system there must be some hard and lengthy bargaining by all sides within the organiza-tion, and the meeting could be one of the most complex and significant held for some time. Formulation of a single price system could be made even tougher by the uncertainties that still surround the position of Saudi Arabia's proposed 100 per cent takeover of the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO).

The proponents of single pricing claim that it will out affect the end cost of oil to the consumer and will only squeeze the profitability of the multipational oil companies by removing their highly privileged position in the main oil pro-ducing areas of the world.

Eroded

The present posted prices system has been eroded and complicated by growing state participation in the oil companies' concessions. In a country where the government bas a 60 per ceot stake in the coocession, the original oil company owners are permitted to buy 40 per cent of output at the cost of production plus tax, using the posted price as a tax

At the beginning of this year At the beginning of this year tax was set at 55 per cent, but it was raised to 65.75 per cent of posted prices in September. The companies buy back part of the state's shere of production at rates varying between 93 and 94.8 per cent of the process of the proce

cent tax.

The various state oil companies established in the OPEC nations were selling their oil on the open market at the equivalent of 93 per cent of posted prices \$10.835 a barrel. At this level they found it difficult to sell to independent oil companies or state buyers.

First step.

Saudi Arabia took the first step towards solving their sales problems. Acting jointly with Abu Dhabi and Qater and without officially consulting their OPEC partners, they raised the tax and royalty rates to the companies and lowered the posted prices.

The royalty rate went up from 16.67 per cent to 20 per cent and there was a large jump in the tax rates from 68.75 per cent to 85 per cent. The posted price came down from \$11.651 to \$11.251.



Shaikh Yamaoi, Saudi Arabiao oil minister: prospect of price



OPEC countries say their neessures are not aimed at the coosumer but oil company profits, prices in the market The Sbah of Iran: support for

place seem always to reflect the OPEC movement in the cost of crude. It now remains to be seen whether at last OPEC has found a way of squeezing the companies without putting up prices to the concept. The net effect was to reduce the purchase prices of state oil to 10.672 a barrel and raise the average cost of the companies crude to \$10.358 a barrel.

the principle of single pricing.

As the Saudis projected, a number of the oil companies, in-cluding Shell, were forced to cut their mergus rather than lose their third party customers to the state oil companies. In effect, the Saudis bave introduced a single price system, since the oil companies' produc-tion affiliates are also reselling to their marketing companies in Europe and Japan at \$10.672 a

Naturally, none of the comtion, but they will be even more disenchanted with a formalized single price system. Under the current Saudi pricing regime, a large portion of their costs are taken by the government in tax and therefore can be used to offser liability for taxation in

their own country.

Single pricing would abolish
the tax element and once any
accumulated tax credit has disappeared they will be liable for a full rate of taxation on their transportation, refining and marketing operations. The Vienna meeting of OPEC

bad boped to bave news of Saudi Arabia's participation talks with Exxon, Texaco, Mobil and Stan-dard Oil of California. But the participation talks being held to London adjourned on Tuesday without agreement.

Taking 100 per ceor control of Aramco also involves working out terms on which the companies will acquire oil from their previous concessions. The Saudis have made it clear they want to cootinue a single price

A truce in the war of all against all

While the Chancellor bas been failing to accomplish whatever he went to Saudi Arabia to dn—

After 5 per cent ut labour the simultaneous reports that Saudi Arabia no longer intends to accept payment for oil in sterling were, to say the least, unfortuoate-his economic strategy has been crumbling fast at home.

That strategy hinges on the social contract; and, noless it is powerfully reinforced by the eod of the year, the Government will shortly find itself a helpless speciator of soaring un-employment and anarchic pay pressures. The crisis which this puses

need of the Saudi nil industry.
So far, the companies have been told they must be content with 52,300m compensation and the right in buy Saudi oil at the for unr whole political eco-nomy is well summed up by Professor Henry Phelps Brown in his Final Reflections on an international conference on Wage Determination " in Paris in July, 1973, the papers of which are now published by the Organisation fur Economic Concernation and Development: Our problem is (speaking here of all, or most, iodustrial countries), at a time of the dissolu-tion of the old economic order. reinforce Saudi Arahia's pres-tige within OPEC and prayide their oil minister Shaikh Abmed Zaki Yamani with the negotiat-ing musele he needs to bring a how shall we construct a new one?...

"It is the problem of the escape from the miseries of the state of nature, the bellum of all against all, to a society which is nrderly because it is regulated by accepted autho-

Support for the priorite of single pricing has come from the Shah of tran who has made his own proposals for this type In Britain nuw this means finding some form of short-term pay restraint which is not note accepted by the national leadership of trade unions, but also observed by their members. This is still of the first importance even if you believe, as I do, that the only long-term cure for inflation is fiscal and munetary restraiot and that the only longterm effects of an incomes policy are economic distortion could not dispose of the oil on and inefficiency.

The Cabinet, at their recent Chequers prayer meeting on the economy, agreed—desnite Mr Healey's lectures to his West German and American opposite numbers on the importance of refletioo—that inflation was the country's first priority problem: and they called upon Whitehall for "ideas", by implication ideas to be used when the present form of the social contract

I suggest my owo three-stage stabilization (political as much as ecocomie) programme, which is intended to accommodate the political as well as the economic realities.

Stage one: Real-terms standstill

No principal pay settlements; quarterly cost of living only adjustments—based on the rerail price index excluding import prices and tax changes —where agreed between employer and employees; special cases to be referred to slow-moving independent umpire; same umpire to monitor and report on general run of settlemeots and to give opinions wheo asked by Government, TUC. CBI, iodividual employers or particular unions on interpretarules; all to be non-statutory.

After 5 per cent ut labour furce, excluding approved special cases, have broken stage nne normal bargaining per-mitted; independent umpire to publish monthly index of national increase in money earn ings in excess of estimated normal growth in productivity. adjusted in exclude effects of changes in tree-ployorent and overtime working:

A general per mage lax nu all gross incuries (carned and unearned, employed and self-employed) to be adjusted monthly so as to remove the excess rise to earnings; the product of the tax to be returned 10 employers as a general pay-roll subsidy (regionally differen-tiated, if so desired) thereby neutralizing the effect of excess pay increases on prices, as a national average, while permit-ting all normal micro-economic adjustments and incentives to operate: Special cases to be handled

as in stage one, but out of a

Peter Jay **Economics Editor**

fixed annual "budget" special cases established by the National Economic Development Council; the independent machinery to operate as in stage one and as required by Govern nient, TUC and CBL

Stage three : Return to iio mal

Prices having been euro-matically stabilized by stage two (though pay settlements will not necessarily have been), simultaneously abolish the tax and the subsidy with no net national effect on real net personal disposable incomes, though with some distributive effects in favour of high savers, thus reversing the opposite dis-tributive effects of the stage two machinery.
The stage two machinery

needs fuller discussion theo is possible bere. But it is our statutury pay restraiot. It cannot be struck against by individual groups of workers; in cootrast with the Liberal Parry's pronosals for taxiog away excessive pay increases directly. It merely substitutes the "tax-

ing" effects of inflation an explicit general tax on incomes. thereby stabilizing prices with important general advantages for the stability of the currency. By the end of stage three the problem of pay-push inflation will not have been solved: but it will have been put back several years, perhaps decades, to start again from much lower inflationary expectations. inflationary expectations.

It at the same time govern-

forswear inflationary fiscal and monetary policies and as a result uncomployment is acknowledged to be the couse; quence of excessive pay settle ments, democracy just may succeed in securing the economic conditions of its own survival, though the odds must still be heavily against it in most western Europeao countries.

Business Diary: Frodsham to EEF • BSC's insider

Frodsbam, Martin uccessor as director of the Engioeeriug.

ao of the little Neddy ine tools and group spe-

viser to United Domia. st, be joios the federa-New Year's Day, Jukes does not retire weeks later.

perbaps just as well, rk today the Confederation Shipbuilding and ing Unions begins its next industry wide. This will cover about m workers and is likely e biggest ever slapped the EEF's table. weeks later.

ations are likely to arted about the time in takes over, and even the will have the benefit vily Jukes's experience urdle, there is yet more

EEF has about \$,000 s. ranging from the ike British Leyland and wn to back-street workand they include many amponent suppliers. Ooe are worried by the prospin-off from cutbacks in

mold hands such as Alan of the Coveoury EEF or the federation's two directions are likely to be at Ebbw vale, right in what is at present Sambrook's: own backward. ie other hand, Jukes himas more of air outsider vesterday

than Frodsham. Before joining the EEF as director-general in 1966, be was a successful advo-cate, specializing in industrial s' Federatioo, is to cate, specializing in industrial aptism of fire in his practice, especially insurance and compeosation.

Jukes's experience in the field of working cooditions will continue to find expression.

despite his retirement from the EEF. He was recently appointed deputy chairman of the Health and Safety Commission and is now negotiating other appointments, both public and

private.
Frodsham's oew job involves:
leaving UDT (which bas
engineering interests), whom be joined only a year ago from P.E. Consulting Group where he bad been chief executive.

Personnel choice

The new managing director of the British Steel Corporation's personnel, social aod regional policy divisioo is to be an insider, Gordon Sambrook. Sambrook is director of the tinnlate group, strip mills divi-

sion. He succeeds a former Minister of Health, Kenneth Robinsoo, who is taking over from Sir Richard Way as chairman of the London Traosport Executive. Sambrook, incident

oring industry.
very job that goes down in in the motor industry, id, four follow it from programme for women.
Is night before the battle tere it is teopting to lc whether there was sider competition for the length of the leng

Sambrook's: own backyard.
With 20 years' plant expericoce behind him, Sambrook said that local



Alice Coleman: cpic survey.

national government bad much to do in finding jobs for dis-placed workers and pointed to some success back around Ebbw

Before nationalization Sam-worked with Bob Scholey, now BSC's chief executive.

Magnum opus

The winner of 1974's The Times/Veuve Cbcquot Award for "A Woman in a Man's World" is Alice Coleman, Reader in Geography at King's College London.

The award acknowledges ber ochievement as the director of the Land Utilisation Survey of Britaio. Among her prizes is to duction class is jobs.

families came from so many be a free trip for two to Rheims, Lastly, British universities different sources that it was in the champagne country.

have a poor record of hiring difficult to get an overall view. in the champagne country.

Last year's winner was Stella Brummell, managing director of coocrete mixer makers Benford Limited. The other finalists this year

in alphahetical order, Eve Bonham, director of auctioneers and valuers W. & F. C. Bonham; Dalsy Hyams, a director of Tesco (Holdings); Thelma Stevenson, associate director Extel Advertising and PR Services; Julie Strain, manager of fork lift division of Greenham (Plaor Hire); and Connie Taylor, chairman of steel stockholders Hall Brothers (West Bromwich).

Miss Coleman produced for oext to nothing an epic, 10-year survey of land use in Great Britain. This is now being plundered by all and sundry for the information it contains. The big users of the maps

from the survey are government agencies, the same people who forbade occess to the land around the Foulness military base site to ber teams of volunteer researchers, suggesting that they "guess" the uses the terrain. A comparison between the

findings of this and prewar studies has sbown than land is being eaten up much faster than auybody thought and has there-fore pointed to the need for quick action.

The last such survey was carried out before the war by a man, Professor Stamp, but Miss Coleman's was a much more sophisticated exercise. Until recently, even the Civil Service excluded, women from some cartographical work in what were quaintly known as "reproductive class" jobs.

women and a worse one for promoting them to sacior appointments, although the University of London is thought to be the best of the bunch.

Pioneering

The new edition of Social Trends will be the last to be edited by Muriel Nissel of the Central Statistical Office. Mrs Nissel is bowing out to do some pioceer-ing work within the CSO on the redistribution of income and wealth, statistics on which are

meanth, statistics on which are notoriously difficult to interpret, Mrs Nissel, chief statistician at the CSO, has edited all five editions of the volume, which has won a wide reputation both bere and abroad. The latest issue has a social commentary on the roles of men and women in society, which coordudes that women still bave a subordinate role despite the big social and demographic changes in Britain

this century.
Mrs Nissel said she did not see the social commentary as a labour of love but as a oatural progressioo. The social commentary, begun in the third edition, looked ar how social cooditions had changed in Britain gene-

· Last year, the commentary broke down the general analysis by age and this year it is the turn of the sexes. Mrs Nissel's new work will

be reflected in next year's issue of Social Trends, which will also bave a new section on statistics related to the family. That idea was first mooted by the Piner Committee on one-parent families who found that statistics on families came from so many

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Results for the financial yeer ended 31st August 1974 show turnover of £40,547,000 compared with £27,899,000 for the previous year, an increase of 45.33%. Net profit before tax was £2,705,692 (1973: £2,238,398) an increase of 21%.

During the year the group opened eleven new stores, making a total of 55 stores at the year end with a lotal gross area of 860,000 sq ft (1973 634,000 sq ft). During the current year five stores have already opened and it is hoped to open at least ten further stores.

The group's second warehouse at Ashton-in-Makerfield was opened in October 1973. This has operated most successfully. It has enabled us to expand our trading area to include the Potteries and the Midlands.

The current economic situation has meant that the housewife has had to become far mora price conscious and our policy of permanent discount prices has enabled us to increase our market share, and the Board are very confident that this penetration will continue in the current year.

Five Yoar Record (£000's) 1974 1973 1972 1971 1970 (52 mks) (52 mks) (53 mks) (52 mks) (52 mks) 40,547 27,899 22,444 15,030 11,076 Profit before Taxation 2,706 2,238 1,604 1,029 Shareholders' 3,259 2,550 1,698 1,282 917

KWIK SAVE DISCOUNT GROUP

Copies of the report and accounts available from the Company Secretary, Warren Orive, Prestatyn, Clwyd.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Bright opening from D Doncaster and still going strong

yesterday accounced excellent results for the 28 weeks to midresults for the 28 weeks to muOctober. Pre-tax profits in
fact were more than double
those for the corresponding
period (excluding the RollsRoyce adjustment), at £1.13m
as against £541,000. Turoover
advanced by 40.3 per cent to advanced by 40.3 per cent to £14.97m, and partly in conse-

deferral, and following the further strengthening of finan-cial controls, the chairman believes the group has sufficient facilities for normal trading. Meaowhile the interim divi-deud has been raised by the maximum allowed for the year, to 1.74p gross.

The board's forecast for the full quence of increased working year is "good", and market capital requirements related to sources indicate that this means capital requirements related to this higher level of activity, interest charges soared from 1973 record of £1.98m, as £60,000 to £215,000.

Caravans Int expects another opening loss

inst over 11m by Caravans slightly lower at 136.6m International brought little response from the stock market yesterday and the shares closed a point easier at 71p. And because of what is described by the case last time. the company as a disappointing result, coupled with the need to cut costs and an in-crease in short-term borrowings, the final dividend is omitted

A second half turn-round of 52.46m to 5549.000 out of sales at York

leaving the total at 1.04p com-pared with 7p.

In the period to August 31 one of the two factories at the pre-tax was down from Parkstone.

Seafield Gentex record

Following the dismal results to £1.09m from sales 55 per cent of 1971-72 and last year's ahead from £11.8m to £18.3m, recovery to more normal profit. The second half, in spite of the levels, Seafield Gentex, one of the largest Irish textile groups, have turned in profits and sales both showing substantial gains to-record figures for 1973-74. Well ahead of balf-time, profits at the pre-tax level for the full

incidence of spring and summer holidays, produced the biggest

both showing substantial gains to record figures for 1973-74.
Well ahead of balf-time, profits at the pre-tax level for the full term to September 30 show a to 3.12p from 2.5p making the 150 per cent gain from £416,000 year's total 5p against 3.75p.

Norwest Holst 28 pc downturn

based civil engioeering and will, however, remain on the contribute to 1975 pr building contractors, show a 28 board of Drayton Commercial per cent downturn, before interest and special items, Mr

Better term D. B. LeMare, chairman, says Daniel Doncaster, the Shef-field-based metal forger in which Johnsno & Firth Brown are worth some £767,000 in tax rioues to he profitable but at a

Group pre-tax profits for the half-year to September 30 were returned at £455,000 against £1.14m on turnover at a peak balfway level at £29m against £26m. Interest charges leapt from £395,000 to £654,000, but tax is reduced from £598,000 to 2277,000. After minority interest and extraordinary items the "attributable" emerges £184,000 compared with £496,000, which lowered earnings

per share to 1.94p from 5.6p aod. fully diluted. to 2.07p against 4.5p. None the less the interim dividend is vaised slightly from 1.25p to 1.3p.

Slowdown Trailer

Introducing a third-quarter statement for the first time York The company says that to reduce overhead costs the production of touring caravans is in the first six months, when heing concentrated in two of growth was about 15 per cent.

The company says that to Trailer indicates that second-half profits will be slower than growth was about 15 per cent.

The company is forecasting that the full year will bring a pre-tax not less than the record 51.25m of 1973, the unaudited third-quarter figure being 5289,000. The July to September period is normally affected by the holiday chardens. by the holiday shutdown, and this time there was the added complication of reduced operations on the road baulage manu-

facturing side. Looking to oext year the com-pany will not give a reasoned forecast at this early stage, especially in view of the state of the national economy. The public baulier sector of the husi-pers is suffering from depressed. ness is suffering from depressed rates and low volume and as a consequence the Corby plact has been on short-time working. But all other divisions are working

to capacity.

The company says the present recession has its compensations. Though growth may be missed temporarily, there are compul-sions to increase efficiency and competitors inevitably leave the scene. So far two have ceased trading.

Rebel' back in action

Swinging ioto action once again, Mr Leslie Harris, who heads the Sbareholders Invest-ment & Management Ginger Groop, is now moving in on the complicated Burnholme & For-der and Motor Rail situations. Burnholme is already the subject of a DTI investigation.

He said yesterday that be had been approached by a number of dissausfied shareholders, and plans to be at both meetiogs— Motor Rail on December 27 and Burnholme on December 30. He is now asking sharebolders to give him their proxy votes and to vote against all the resolu-tions put up by the board.

Conoco issue

Conoco Ltd has issued a further 1,000 ordinary shares to Continental Oil International Finance Corporation for a total consideration of £10m in cash.

Mr David Montagu

Mr David Montagu, because of commitments as chairman of Orioo Bank, bas resigned as chairman and also from the hoards of City & Commercial Investment Trust, Dualvest, Fundiovest, Montagu Boston Iovestment Trust, and Triplevest

Although half-time profits of and also as a director of British will hit the second hal Norwest Holst, the Laocashire Australian Investment Trust. He processes now introdu

Interim loss at **Coated Metals**

The poor interim result expected at Coated Metals (Holdings) has materialized. There The Metals (Holdings) has materialized. was no significant improvement in United Kingdom demand sbarcs, plus 105p cast after the three-day week, and 15 kitson's shares h while export sales have been new cash element running at a high level, turnover dipped from 53m to 52.9m. 37.6p a share to 51 However, sharebolders will re-ceive an imerim 15p against share when it was fit

5.5p gross.

A taxable profit of £327,000 has turned into a loss of £32,000 which reflects a continued erosion of margios coupled with competition at artificially low prices in certain markets. Also the group has had difficulty obtaining steel on schedule which caused plant stoppages.

Giltspur acquisition Giltspur Expo Industries has

ing capital and capital expendi-ture of £323,000 will also be supplied making a total investment by Giltspur of some £725,000, Killewald is the largest company in Germany supplying furniture and carpets on rental

to exhibitors at trade shows, etc. lis operations are complementary to Giltspur's existing facilities in Germany.

Giltspur is the leading exhibition furnishing hire company in

Wace downturn

Wace Group, printing plate suppliers, suffered badly from the three-day week with losses incurred by its London-based companies and a general downturo in demand. As such, profits to the balf to June 30 fell from £83,000 to £32,000 from sales of £723,000 (£752,000). The dividend is cut from 0.85p to 0.59p.

Redundancy costs in London

for Kitson's

Falling share pris now offered seven October, and Kitso price of 48p before Pilkington's shares worth 95p (down 4p compared with 160p offer was first made

Court Cate debts of £81

Court Line Caleri sidiary of the colla and shipping group, of almost 18m. cred acquired the hire stock, contracts, name and other assets of Paul Killewald KG for about \$403,000 cash. Additional work-Mr Norman Saddl Receiver, said the c prised preferential £22,000, a debenture aud unsecured £181,500. He said the was created only in year and its validity i 10 be decided. But found to be ralid th

Christie's purcha

be nothing for unsecu

Christie's are expar busioess by taking long-established bus Debenham & Coc. Kensington, Loodon. eers. The new firm known as Cluristie's S sington and will ope the heginning of absorb the increasing business brought in Christle's salerooms James's. No floancial disclosed.

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- ☼ Dividend increased by maximum permitted 5"

 n.
- * Capital and reserves equivalent to 139p per share.
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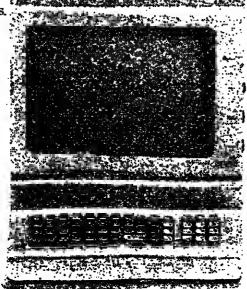
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COMPANY MEETING

rvous bout ahead of trade figures

if the pound, reflecting that United States oil is have been obliged to syments from sterling lars, and the City's innervousoess ahead. of disclosure of the United n trade figures for er, brought fresh losses ock market yesterday. edged market hit fresh nd equiries soon fell their previous 16 year 115. At the close, the FT as 6.7 off at 150.4, a level

3 on June 16, 1954.

All sections of the market participated in yesterday's de-cline. "Sborts", after openine: a point lower, eventually showed losses of up in a point. But dealers said that prices closed a shade uff the bottom.

"Longs " fell steadily, closing at the bottom. Losses of 1 point were widespread. "Mediums" and undated stocks were 1 point down. But dealers said that the volume of selling was not beavy.

were very depressed ger end of the market at all-time "lows", baven beneath the immedist-Budget levels. The sof sterling, given impetus by speculation of

Oil shares suffered further and severe losses on confirmation that Saudi Arabia has insisted that this month's oil payments be made entirely in United States dollars. An over-

United States dollars. An overnight rise on Wall Street proved
no help to the oil majors in
London. BP closed S off at
196p. Burmah 6p off at 94p.
Shell 4p off at 126p.
On the troubled industrial
share pitches, n victory for the
miners' militants wage claimers
against the TUC brought further nervous selling. A weak
feature was Hawker Siddeley,
finally 12p down at 122p, with
selling on the increase in late
deals. The City is worried by

All dividends ln new

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†Adjusted for scrip

continued slide in the bad trade figures today, was the "ditching" United Kingdom the implications of Government nttitudes towards the group's decision to cancel or suspend the HS-146 project.

BLMC shares remained upchanged at 64p, but other motor trade issues had an uncomfortable session. GKN, a major supplier to the motor manufacturers, closed 3p off at 94p, ood Tube Investments lost 6p,

ICI (I16p), Beecham (110p) and Unilever (160p) all closed with minor losses. Plessey weakened to 47p while GEC (46p) were 6p off after a rise in profits which still left the total well below market expec-

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Compair second half recovery After being 11 per cent down

at the interim, profits at Compair, the compressed air equipment group, went ahead by 17} per cent in the second period. As a result, the year's pre-tax figure is 41 per cent up at £6.12m, while sales went abead 25 per cent to £66m. Profits would have been £301,000 better, 100, but for a change in the basis of stock valuation by the American subsidiary, Kellog-American. This measure however, also reduced the group

tax charge by £155,000.

Compair says that demand has slackened in some markets but overall business continues
"satisfactory". The group
remains "financially strong".
A final dividend of 2.61p a share gross is proposed, making a total for the year of 4.1p, against

NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITIES CORPORATION

The Twennieth Annual General Meeting of the Company was held on December 11, 1974, in London

The following is an extract from the Report of the Directors.

Gross revenue for the year was 5706,632 which is an increase of £138,445 over the previous year. After deducting management expenses, debenture interest and taxation there remains £370,074 available for ordinary shareholders which is equivalent to 2.12p per share compared with 1.74p per share last year. An interim dividend of 0.7p per share was paid in May and the Directors oow recommend a final dividend of 1.1p per share, for the year. A total dividend of 1.6p per share, for the year. A total dividend of 1.6p per share. For the year, a total dividend of 1.5p per share, for the year. A total dividend of 1.6p per share was paid in respect of last year.

During the course of the year it was decided to reduce further the tevel of the U.K. portfolio and thereby to create larger cash resources. Partially as a result of this policy the overseas proportion of the invested funds has increased to 58.4 per cent (51 per cent).

to \$8.4 per cent (\$1 per cent).

Esdmales of revenue for the current year indicate that there will he little increase, if any, from the U.K. portfolio. It is boped that dividends from U.S.A. investments will combine to show improvement. The interest on the uninvested funds will depend on the movement of short-term interest rates and the timing of any re-investment of the cash resources. The Directors and cipate that it will be possible to maintain the dividend at the increased rate of 1.8p per share.

ew BICC Organisational Structure

BICC Board announces an important stage in the developof its top organisational structure.

om 1st January 1975 Group operations will be carried out ough four GROUP Companies, three of them new and now hig formed BICC Cables Limited, BICC Industrial Products nited, and BICC International Limited, and one of them sting—Balfour Beatty & Co. Limited.

ese: four Group Companies will operate in accordance with policy determined by the Board of the Parent Company; I the Chief Executive's Committee of BICC will coordine to elop corporate strategy for Parent Board approval and nitor its execution once approved. The membership of the eni Board is not altered by these changes although the poinsibilities of some individual Directors are altered.

C. H. Broughton Pipkin, one of the two Deputy-Chairmen BICC Limited, continues as Chief Executive. In his absence, J. A. McCleery will deputise for him as Chairman of the lef Executive's Committee.

ief Executive's Committee.

H. G. De Ville, a Director of BICC Limited, will, as Director, somel and Management Services, continue to be responsible the Chief Executive, and will be on the Boards of all four Jup Companies.

ich U.K. Group Company will be responsible for managing lumber of OPERATING Companies. Each GROUB Company 1 have as its Chairman and Managing Director a Director of Led.; and each OPERATING Company will be responsible. ough a new-style Executive Director, who will be a member the Group Company Board but not of the Parent Board. The mountes concerned are as follows:

G. Thornton) comprising the following Operating Connollys Limited Executive Director G. F. Travis P. H. Walton CG General Cables Limited CC Metals Limited CC Power Cables Limited Engineering Limited

Cables Limited W. L. B. Shankland, a Director of BICC Ltd., will be Deputy irman of BICC Cables Ltd.; and Mr A. E. Wernly, also a ector of BICC Ltd., will be Director Marketing, with the Home es and Export Divisions now forming part of BICC Cables Ltd. I responsible through him. Mr Wernly will also be on the rds of the two other U.K. Group Companies.

C INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS LIMITED (Chairman and lanaging Director Mr. D. I. S. Hinton) co perating Companies :-

ICC Components Limited Executive Director iomas Bolton & Sons L. C. W. Turner

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L. C. W. Turner

ICC Industrial Products Limited will also include Rotunda

Imited and BICC-Burndy Limited in which latter Company

ICC has a 50% interest.

facilitate this re-grouping of the present U.K. Metals and

les activities Mr. E. Bowver, at present Managing Director.

Metals Groop, is relinquishing his executive duties on 31.12.74

r. 43 years' service, but, the Board are pleased to state, will

iain on the Board of BICC as a non-Executive Director.

LFOUR BEATTY & CO. Limited (Chairman and Managing

Reactor Mr. D. B. Rooney) comprising the following Operating

companies:—

alfour Beatty Construction Executive Director D. A. Holland salfour Beatty Engineering Limited talfour Beatty Power Construction Limited G. W. Cole T. Appleton lalfour Kilpatrick Limited

vir, W. I. O'Hara and Mr. P. J. Sherlock will also be on the sound of Balfour Beatty. Soard of Balfour Beatty.

C. INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Chairman and Managing Director Mr. J. A. McCleery) will be responsible for looking of the Present Companies of the BICC Group. The Board will comprise, in addition to Mr. McCleery: Mr. N. J. G. Emery, Mr H. L. Jefferies, and Mr H. G. De Ville, all Directors of BICC Ltd.; Mr. J. Shearer and Mr. L. A. Farren and, as non-Executive Directors, Mr. T. A. Lindsay (Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Phillips Cahles Ltd. of Canada) and Mr L. R. Potter (Managing Director of Metal Manufactures Ltd. of Australia).

These changes will involve a considerable degree of delegation

Manufactures Ltd. of Australia).

These changes will involve a considerable degree of delegation of authority and will provide Senior Managers with experience in operating substantial companies so both developing and testing members of the Management for the most senior positions in the BICC Group.

The new structure will also improve the Group's ability to meet competition by increasing the authority and thus the speed of decision of local management throughout the United Kingdom, and at the same time by freeing the Parent Board from detail, will improve its ability in determine policy and plans for the future growth and development of the Group as a whole.

	1973	1974
NET SUMS ASSURED	£114 million	£117 million
GROUP PREMIUM INCOME	£12 million	£14 million
GROUP FUNDS	£36 million	£46 million

These figures include the results of Lifeguard Assurance Limited, Saveguard Assurance Limited and, since acquisition, those of Investment Annuity Life Assurance Limited. Copies of the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1974 which includes Sir Anthony Grover's statement to shareholders can be obtained from:



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The Areas for Expansion

Hardy on the upswing following poor start

By Fred Wilson

Hire-purchase restrictions. the three-day week and controls profit margins combined substantially to lower profits of Hardy & Co (Furnishers), the Newcastle - upon - Tyne - based graup, in the first quarter. Although the board took measures to meet the situation the first half to August 10 records sizable falls in hoth profits and turnover. Brighter news is that trading has now improved and peformance in the second half is expected to equal that of the same period of last year.

Group trading profits after amounts due from cus depreciation and interest pay able plummeted from £1.55m to draft has been cut from £228,000 hut, after bringing in a year ago to £1.57m.

5786,000 from reserves for deferred profit and unearned charges, the taxable profit emerges with a 34 per cent fall from £1.5m to £1m. Turnover in the 28-week period declined from £14.8m to £12.5m, and carnings per ordinary and "A" ordinary share from 3.4p to 2.2p. The interim dividend is up from 165p to 2.3p. The board says the total dividend should he no less than last year's 4.13p, and adequately covered.

Meanwhile sincks at August 10 totalled £2.79m against £2.89m and debtors on hirepurchase agreements and amounts due from customers \$14.76m (£16m). The bank overdraft has been cut from £2.67m

Gallaher calls off forecast up by £1m Brinco bid

A late upward revision of its profit forecast for this year from £32m to £33m has been made by Gallaher, the United Kingdom tohacco group which is a subsidiary of American Brands. This cuts the expected shortfall on last year from £2.5m to £1.5m.

This higher target emerges from the formal document re-lating to Brands' offer for the Gallaher minority and has come about both from later informetion now available and hecause of a price increase on Gallaher's tobacco products which took effect on November

Under the scheme the 20 per cent of Gallaher shares not already owned by Brands will be cancelled in consideration for a cash payment of 160p for each ; ordinary and 60p for every

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	12 😘
FNFC	13 %
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C. Hoare & Co *	12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
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- Ocmands deposits, 11¹a%
 £10.000 and over.
- 7-day deposits in excess of e10,000 up to £25,000 10'17'; over £25,000 10'47';

was beld on December 11 in London.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as you will have seen in the press yesterday morning the boards of

Selection Trust and CAST bave recommended

to the respective shareholders that the two

companies should amalgamate. It is envisaged that the merger should be affected by means

of a scheme of arrangement under section 206 of the Companies Act 1948 on the basis of two

Selection Trust shares plus forty-five pence in cash for every nine CAST shares. Full details of the proposal will be prepared and put before the sharabolders of both companies as

CAST'S CHANGED ROLE

In my last two statements to you, I referred to the changed role of CAST following

majority Government participation in the

mines in Ghana and in Sierra Leone and

repeated that as mines are, by their nature,

wasting assets we must expect a decline in our dividend income from West Africa within the

next few years. I also reminded you that,

in anticipation of such a change, we entered

into an exploration agreement with Selection

Trust io 1963. In the intervening years we

bave spent large sums on exploration. As a

result CAST bas acquired substantial minority

interests in the South Bay mine in Canada, in

the small mine heing brought into production

at Spargoville, in the major nickel prospect at Agnew in Western Australia and in the recently discovered copper-zinc-silver deposit

near Brouillan Township in northwestern Quebec, certainly the most significant develop-

meet in the joint exploration activities of Selection Trust and CAST since the discovery

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

decision bas not yet been taken to hring

While I must emphasize that the final

soon as possible.

of Agnew in 1971.

Rio Algom

An interesting situation has now arisen with the decision of Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation's 51 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary, Rio Algom Mines, to call off its proposed merger with Brinco. This follows the decline in the Rio Algom share price in line with the other Canadian mining issues under the burden of recent changes in both federal and provincial royalty legislation—in some cases removing the raison d'etre for con-

tinuing operations. When the deal was first mooted, Rio Algom declared it would not pay more than \$7.30 for each Brinco share on a share exchange hasis. In addition it stipulated it would not offer more than three shares for every 10—a condition which could not be met with its shares now trading below \$20.

At the same time, the offer

made by Brinco to buy in its own shares for \$7.07 cash re-mains open until March 31. This followed upon the nationaliza-tion of the Churchill Falls (Labrador) hydro electric complex for \$160m cash. So many share holders have elected th take up this option that RTZ has seen its stake in the reduced Brinco equity rise from 40 to 59 per cent. It is likely that RTZ will aim

to increase Canadian participation in Brioco up to perbaps the 50 per cent which could be achieved by Brinco making acquisitions for paper.

Mr D. F. Lyons resigns "For personal reasons" Mr D. F. Lyons has resigned from the boards of D. F. Lyons & Co except from the boards of Edward Wood & Co. As execu-tive chairman of Edward Wood, Mr Lyoos (and associates) aims

at a growth policy with a view to eventual requotation. He bas severed all connexions with D. F. Lyons & Co.

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Mr. A. Chester Beatty's Address to Shareholders

Burco Dean lower, but profit trend favourable

Although second half profits at Burco Dean, the domestic and industrial equipment and appliance group, showed a 52 per cent improvement on the poor first-half results, the full year's pre-tax profits come to £1.03m, against last year's record £1.36m. £1.03m,

The improved performance is being maintained and internal group forecasts are favourable. In view of economic uncertainties, forecasting for the full year is not possible, but the order book is satisfac-

Turnover for the year is ahead from £10.7m to £11.7m. and although net profits are down from £751,000 to £493,000, the dividend is raised from 3.7Sp to 4.24p. Earnings a sbare are 7.7p against 11.76p.

The depressed first half profit of £409.000, against £666,000, is attributed by the board to teething during the launch of the new range of Eastham Kitchen Furniture.

The second half saw a review of trading policies and operating costs in both the domestic and industrial divisions, which enabled a push forward to be

enabled a pusb forward to be made with greater confidence.

CAST defends bid terms

While the market has already given one opinion of the pro-posed merger of Selection Trust and Consolidated African Selec-tion Trust by marking down the value of ST shares to the extent that the bid is now worth only 73p, compared with the notional 82p on Monday evening, Mr Chester Beatty made it clear yesterday that CAST really had little option but to become fully integrated with ST.

In addition to CAST facing a decline in its West African in-come, Mr Beatty pointed out at the annual meeting that CAST had a heavy financing burden for its sbare of the development of the £120m Agnew nickel mine, and for a further befty tranche for the other "develop-ing mine" at Brouillan in Quebec. He reiterated, in reply to questions that he thought the terms were fair to hoth parties, although some shareholders advocated an all-paper bid on the basis of one ST for every four CAST, rather than the present two-for-nine and 45p

But shead of the documents due in late January, there seems little reason to improve the terms as ST shareholders are being faced with a drop of around 80p in asset value, and a dilution in earnings admittedly offset by an increase in group horrowing powers of £22m. On halance, the proposals must he regarded the optimum that the stale bulls of CAST could really expect.

St. 90c askid; March, 23.9.4-6.05; March, 25.05; But ahead of the documents

Copper at lowest level since February, 1973

Although closing above the day's lows COPPER prices fell sharply and cash wire hars (down £11.50 at £555) was at its lowest level since February, 1973. The three months position dropped £10.75 to £575 a metric ton.

E575 a metric ton.

During the morning trading included general chart and stop loss selling but a notable feature were heavy offerings by an influential quarter. This latest fall reflects the continued lack of consumer demand for marginal supplies in view of the generally pessimistic outlook for the international economy in 1975.

Percent mayor by madesage to

Recent moves by producers to curtail exports and, in some cases production, have been unable to counter balance the fall in iodustrial demand. Prices steaded somewhat in the afternoon on light covering induced by the early tone of the New York market, weaker sterling and a lack of follow through to the early selling.

Afternoon --Cash view here \$551.50

the early selling.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £554.50-55.50 a metric lon; three manths. £574.50-75.50. Sales. 2.650 tons. Cash calhodes, £5.48.550.00: three months. £545-66.00. Sales. £50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars. £555-85.00; three months. £573-74.00. Sellement. £555.00. Sales. 11.200 tons. Cash calhodes. £543-2.00; three months. £573-75.00. Sales. 575 tons. \$\frac{\cuperbox}{259-61.00.}\$ Settlemenl. \$\frac{\cuperbox}{250.00.}\$ Sales. \$\frac{\cuperbox}{275 tons.}\$ Situady.—Builion market (flying levels:,—Soot, 179.600 a troy conce (United States cents equivalent, 418.0): three months, 184.490 (224.20:) six months, 191.00; London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cosh. 180.40.50; three months, 185.5-85.70; seven months, 191.5-92.50; Sales, 125.50; Seriement, 179.50; Sales, 165.50; Seriement, 179.50; Sales, 46 tots. TiM.—Standard Im (cash: leil by \$17.50 and ihree months by \$20.00. High-grade (cash: was also \$17.50 tower and line months, \$25.00 down. Alternoon.—Standard cash, \$3.025.35 a metric ton; three months, \$2.90-95. \$3.025.57; tons filing grade. Cash. \$3.025.57; tons filing grade. Cash. \$3.025.57; tons filing grade. Cash. \$3.025.57; tons filing grade. \$2.50.00.52; three months, \$2.905-95. \$3.025.57; tons filing grade. \$2.50.00.52; three months, \$2.905-95. \$3.00.53; three months, \$2.905-95. \$3.00.53; three months, \$2.905-95. \$3.00.53; three months, \$2.905-95. \$3.00.53; three months, \$2.905-95. \$3.00.50; \$3.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 11.—At noon today, on the New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Avarage was 7.58 points np at 601.45. Investors were apparently anticipating favourable news from President Ford in his economic speech tonight.

economic speech tonight.

New York, Incc 18.—CO COA futures advanced 2.57 to 3.55 cents across the board, closing at or near the highs for the day. Sales were 1.425 lots with much of today's buying reflecting apill over demand following the pronounced gains of the London market, —Occ, 74.55c; March, 66.45c; May, 61.95c; July, 59.90c; Sept, 58.15c; Inc., 55.75c nominal; March, 53.65c nominal; May, nil. apota; Chana 27c nominal; March, 57.90-84c; Vay, 58.60c; Joly, 99.25-40c; Sept, 60.25-40c; Nov. unguoted.

Commodities

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Hilton Hotels sale

Hilton Hotels Corporation bas agreed in principle to sell a 50 per cent stake in six of its hotels to Prudential Insurance of America. The price is about S83.3m (£16.7m), Reuter reports from Los Angeles.

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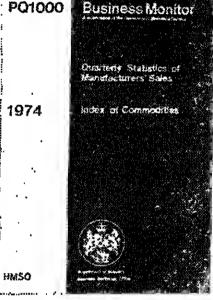
Foreign Exchange

Sterling falls by 70 points

Confirmation that Saudi Arabia "desires" to receive its oil pay-ments in dollars sent the pound tumbling to new all-time "lows" on foreign exchanges vesterday. Its effective devaluation against the world's major currencies widened to a worst-ever 21.4 per cent from Tuesday night's cent as oil companies at large holders sold the po-sizable scale. Increased demand for the for oil settlements lett st 52.3170, with a net less points.

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Mr C Joyce made Baker Perkins finance director

Mr Colin Joyce becomes group finance director of Baker Perkins Hotdings on the retirement of Mr William Sampson. Mr C. Taylor has been appointed a director of Baker Perkins.

Mr Gordon Sambrook has been made managing director of the British Steel Corporation personnel, social and regional policy division. He succeeds Mr Kenneth Rohinson, who becomes chairman, London Transport Executive on January 1.

appointed managing director of Colman Foods. He succeeds Mr M. H. How, who will continue as deputy managing director of Reckitt & Colman food division notil his at Colman rood division hour ms retirement next June. Mr Bambridge is aucceeded as director of food marketing by Mr N. G. Clarke. Mr E. J. Ahhs, commercial director for Colman Foods, has now taken an additional responsibility for divisional planning. Mr H. S. Swallow, deputy chairman of Courage, has been elected chairman of the Brewers' Society. Mr R. A. McNeile, managing director of Arthur Guinness Son

restructuring of the Tecalemit Group and the appointment of Mr John Bennett as sole group managing director, the following appointments of managing directors of the four new divisions have heen made: fluid transfer and filtration, Mr Frank Jefferies; lubrication systems, Mr Peter Sel-

made finance director of Hampson Industries. He remains secretary of

a director of Deritend Stamping.

Mr Charles Thomas becomes a director of Geers Gress.

Mr I. P. Whittington has been appointed to succeed Mr C. D. F. Allen ee general manager of the Ottoman Bank in London.

Oftoman Bank in London.

Mr Stuart Henderson, a director of SGB Group and chairman of SGB Plant Hire, has been appointed chairman of Contractors Services Group. Mr N. L. Clifford-Jones, managing director of SGB Group, and Mr M. De La Hunty, an SGB Groop executive, have also been appointed to the board of CSG.

Mr Thomas Lynn of Chemical Mr Thomas Lynn of Chemical Bank (UK) has been named vice president and will return to New York early next year, where he will have responsibility for the bank's relationships with United States subsidiaries of British, Irish and French corporations.

Mr Eric Doorbar is to become managing director of Spicer-

Cowan. Mr F. B. Bolton, chairman of the Mr F. B. Bolton, chairman of the Bolton Steam Shipping Company, has been reelected president of the British Shipping Federation.

Mr M. Holdsworth, secretary of Hampson Industries, has been appointed finance director. He remains secretary of the group.

Mr B. J. T. Colley has been appointed a director of J. H. Minct, Baxter & Co.

Mr D. Mitchell has been appointed a director of Calor Gas Holding Co.

Mr Reginald Nicholson, a former director of Rolls-Royce (1971) be-

director of Rolls-Royce (1971) be-

tion Mr Richard J. Palmer bas been elected vice-chairman of the British Food Export Council. Mr Adrian Baker bas been appointed managing director of Karl Eybl (UK).

THE GENERAL ELECTRI

COMPANY LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT 1. The unsudited results for the eix months ended 30th September 1374 ere : 12 months to 31st March 1974 £ 000 a months to Sales (to Customers outside Group) 605,000 525,000 1,144,205 151,33a 77,775 Profit after Texation 34,100 900 Attributable to the Ordinary Shareholders 33,200 71.400 Earnings per share (assuming tull conversion of Convertible Losn Stock)
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5. Bank Balances and Deposits loss Bank Overdrafts amounted to \$147 million at 30th September (1873, 2184 million). Since 30th September, £41 million has been paid in redemption and cancellation of 72 per cent Convertible Loan Stock.

year ending 31st March 1975 will be better than those of the previous year. Expert orders for the six months amounted to £210 million (1873, £148 million), and total orders is hand at 30th September were appreciably

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Agnew into production and that more work has to be done to confirm the size and commercial significance of the Brouillan deposit, we have been studying the financial implications for both Selection Trust and CAST and both boards concluded that the two companies combined would be in a stronger position to finance participations in the projects for the benefit of all the shareholdera. You will be aware that it is an enormously costly business to bring a new mine into production and our circumstances in CAST would

The 50th Annual General Meeting of Consolidated African Selection Trust Limited Addressing the Meeting, Mr. A. Chester Beatty, the Chairman, said :

> not allow us to follow our relatively large participation. As Chairman of both companies I was myself strongly in favour of a merger because it provides the best means of ensuring that the CAST sbareholders have an appropriate continuing interest in the deposits and mines towards which CAST bas contributed a

considerable sum in risk capital. But of course we had to ensure that the arrangement for combining the companies was bandled scrupulously fairly.

Accordingly I am glad to say that two eminent merchant banks, J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited for CAST and Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited for Selection Trust, were able to evolve terms for a merger which each hanker has recommended as being fair to all sbarebolders and which, subsequently, the boards of CAST and Selection Trust accepted and are recommending to the respective shareholders of the two companies.

As recorded in the report of the directors, CAST was formed just fifty years ago and with your approval we shall today score a century of dividends. CAST will remain in existence as a separate company and will, I am confident, continue to contribute aubstantially to the income of the Group.

In my annual statement I usually comment on the Company's activities but as you will shortly be receiving details of the proposed merger I will not do so today. I shall, of course, be glad to try to answer any question on the report and accounts and the review of interests which are in front of you. CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE

We are heset on all sides by prophecies of gloom and doom, economic and social, and with world-wide inflation. While it is dangerous to pretend that problems do not exist. I feel that a surfeit of such forecasts is a sure recipe for over-reaction into deep pessimism. We are in the mining business—metals and minerals are the easentials of industrial society a fact of which we are all too well aware at this moment. With a steady nerve and realistic appreciation of the difficulties, and with technical staff both in the fields of mining exploration and development in whom I have complete confidence, I believe that the combined companies are well placed for a very bright future in the years to come.

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Business appointments

Nay. Nil.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oli spanned both sides of the previous close before ending with the spoi month up 0.20 cent and other positions down as much as 0.40 cent. Meal ended with gains of 60 cents to 83.50, SOYABEANS.—Jan, 754*s30*s; March, 750-S1c; May, 764c; July, 717c; Aug, 765c; Sept. 754c; July, 717c; Aug, 765c; Sept. 754c; Aug, 77c; Aug, 765c; Sept. 754c; July, 717c; Aug, 765c; Sept. 754c; July, 717c; Aug, 765c; Sept. 754c; July, 517s, 300; May, 5174.00-5,00; July, 517s,00-7,00; Aug, 5179.80; Sept. 5183,00-4,00; SOYABEAN OIL. Bec. 35.15-25c; July, 32.40-25c; Aos, 31.50c; Bept, 31.00-09c.

CHICAGO CRAINS.—WHEAT closed

Mr Ernest Dolloway is to be general manager of Lansing Eagnall AB, based in Stockholm.

Mr A. C. Bambridge has been

& Co, has been elected vice-chair-

Since the announcement of the don; garage and industrial servic-ing systems. Mr Roy Scanes; combustion engineering, Mr Brian Lowcock. Mr M. Holdsworth has been

the group.

Mr Michael Hindmarch has been

appointed financial controller of Reliant Motor.

Mr William Kirby joins the board of Hawthorn Baker. Mr D. C. Reeves has been made

director of Rolls-Royce (1971) becomes managing director of
Osborn-Mushet Tools.

Mr David Evans becomes managing director of Hamlin Electronics.

Mr Richard Barry is appointed
executive director of Gannet Offshore Production Services,

Mr Eric Sjökvist has been
appointed assistant managing director of GEC Machines.

Mr Rohert Lawrence becomes a
part-time member of the board
of the National Freight Corporation.



Stock Exchange Prices

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For information about industrial opportunities is complete write to 8 P. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of Comportunities of Comportunities of Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of Comportunities of St. Menday, M. B.E., M.C., General Man Comportunities of Comportun

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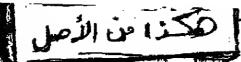
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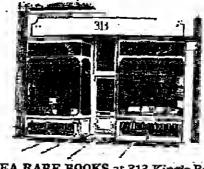
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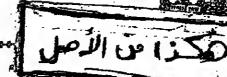
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transmission tunnel. All that having
been said, the Double-Six remains of
standing value at £5,612.

Peter Waymark

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ress in Play for Today (BBC1 9:25). Man Alive presents from South Africa

while Volvo sells more cars here than release the parking brake was to put in any country after the United States and Sweden.

A magnificent car in many ways, but A magnificent car in many ways, but doomed to disappear, I suspect, as the American makers "think small".

Road test: Daimler Double-Six

Badge engineering—the practice of selling almost identical cars under different names—may have become a dirty word but it still works well at the luxury end of the market with one in four Jaguar buyers opting for the Dalmler name oo the radiator grille and being prepared to pay an extra £120 for that and other minor styling and trim differences.

The Double-Six is the Daimlet counter-part of the XJ12, which means superlarive performance—0 to 60 mpb in just 7½ seconds and a top speed of 146 mph—with ultra smooth, quiet running. For me, luxury motoring must begin with an almost silent ride. That, and the automatic transmission fitted as standard equipment, makes the Double-Six not only an ideal cruising car but a most relaxing vehicle for town work as well. If there is some wind whistle at speed and if is some wind whistle at speed and if rhe eteel radials bump/thump a little on rough surfaces, it is a tribute to the silence of the engine that you even notice such things.

Fuel consumption, unhappily, is another matter. My average in mixed driving was only 11.6 mpg and although that would be improved a little on a long motorway run it must be a sensitive subject in an energy crisis. Double-Six owners may well be able to afford even 75p for a gallon but from society's point of view that may not be the point. I gather that Jaguar engineers are looking bard for improvements.

a "Def 77", using a lights or sound not as a soon hell than the 66 and or imagined misdemeanours. As soon is Renault 16 engine, has consideration for some on dipped headlights; motor cycles the first decisions for the must have them on all the time—a is management will be sensible safety idea in a land of huga performance is no looger in racing car class, most drivers should find it brisk enough. In fact, six-cylinder cars and bright sunshine.

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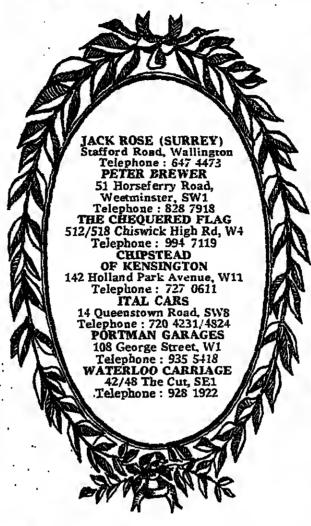
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